TOWN *Report*

1973

Merrimac, Massachusetts

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN *of* MERRIMAC

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,

1973

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In Memoriam

To Those

Who Have Held a Public Office

in the

Town of Merrimac

Frederick E. Gibbs - 6/5/73

Edgar P. Sargent - 5/21/73

Ray T. Wallace - 10/24/73

DIRECTORY OF ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

Robert L. Eckert

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Raymond P. David, Chairman Resigned 10/8/73	Term Expires 1976
Bernard H. Connor Resigned 10/8/73	Term Expires 1974
Nancy C. MacGregor	Term Expires 1975
H. Francis Drenth	Term Expires 1976
George J. P. Stevens	Term Expires 1974

TOWN TREASURER

Roy C. Journeay

TAX COLLECTOR

Wilfred G. Journeay

TOWN CLERK

Dorothy A. Cloyd

ASSESSORS

Joseph F. Dugas, Chairman	Term Expires 1974
J. Duncan How, Clerk	Term Expires 1975
Walter D. Calnan	Term Expires 1974
Milton E. Webster - Resigned 11/30/73	

PLANNING BOARD

Arthur D. Evans, Chairman	Term Expires 1975
Rosalind A. Tufts	Term Expires 1974
James P. Glidden	Term Expires 1976
William A. Bigneault	Term Expires 1977
George F. Mahoney	Term Expires 1978

Rosalind A. Tufts - MVPC Representative Delegate
George F. Mahoney - MVPC Alternate

CONSTABLES

Donald Dwyer	Term Expires 1974
Francis J. Mathews	Term Expires 1974
Brian W. Peavey	Term Expires 1974

TREE WARDEN

Donald A. Dwyer

BOARD OF HEALTH

Arthur W. Hoyt, Chairman	Term Expires 1974
Allen F. Stevens, Clerk	Term Expires 1976
Norman W. Carleton	Term Expires 1975

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Daniel S. Gulezian	Term Expires 1976
Francis G. Ronan	Term Expires 1974
Zillah M. Buzzell	Term Expires 1974
Raymond H. Estabrook	Term Expires 1975
David W. Shaw	Term Expires 1975

Zillah M. Buzzell - Whittier Vo-Tech Representative

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

Eida V. Jervey, Chairman	Term Expires 1975
Charlotte P. Gulezian	Term Expires 1974
Alice M. Blanchard	Term Expires 1975
Robert L. Eckert	Term Expires 1976
Elizabeth Pittman	Term Expires 1976
Nathan Tufts	Term Expires 1976

PLAYGROUND COMMISSION

George J. P. Stevens, Chairman	Term Expires 1978
Leon B. Smith	Term Expires 1974
Michael J. McLaughlin	Term Expires 1975
William B. Bickford	Term Expires 1976
Robert D. Randall	Term Expires 1977

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER AND MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

Donald A. Dwyer	Term Expires 1974
Richard E. Sargent	Term Expires 1974
Wallace P. Spencer	Term Expires 1974

TRUSTEES OF KIMBALL PARK

Douglas E. McAllister	Term Expires 1974
Louis P. Bibeau	Term Expires 1975
Bruce R. Christie	Term Expires 1976

MUNICIPAL LIGHT COMMISSIONERS

Wilbur E. Wallace, Chairman	Term Expires 1974
George A. Waterhouse, Clerk	Term Expires 1976
Brian W. Peavey	Term Expires 1974

MUNICIPAL WATER COMMISSIONERS

Wilbur E. Wallace, Chairman	Term Expires 1974
George A. Waterhouse, Clerk	Term Expires 1976
Brian W. Peavey	Term Expires 1975

TRUSTEES OF CEMETERY

Alva W. Clark, Chairman	Term Expires 1976
Merrill B. Smith, Clerk	Term Expires 1974
Harold R. Arbour, Sec'y.	Term Expires 1975

MERRIMAC HOUSING AUTHORITY

Dorothy Olson, Governor's Appointee	
Edmond S. Hamel	Term Expires 1975
Alexander M. Sullivan	Term Expires 1976
George E. Lucy	Term Expires 1977
Florent J. Gosselin	Term Expires 1978

DIRECTORY OF APPOINTED OFFICERS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Richard W. Pearson, Chairman
Forrest L. Bishop
Alfred N. DesRosier
John E. Dunn
Bernard C. Goodwin
Edward F. Madden
James S. Smith

BOARD OF APPEALS

Francis X. Sheehy, Chairman	Term Expires 1976
David W. Goodwin	Term Expires 1974
Richard Herbert	Term Expires 1974
William J. Burns	Term Expires 1975
Robert MacLeod	Term Expires 1976

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS BOARD OF APPEALS

Karen Ehrig

John T. Sheehan

SELECTMEN'S CLERK

Barbara A. Zelisko

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Gertrude C. MacKenzie

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Mildred Harrington	Term Expires 1974
Michael J. McLaughlin	Term Expires 1975
Arthur R. Cloyd	Term Expires 1976

LEGAL COUNSEL

Richard P. Hamel

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK

Madeleine A. Lay

TOWN HALL JANITOR

Arthur R. Cloyd

POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF

Donald J. Montigny

CONSTABLES

Donald J. Montigny	Term Expires 1974
Brian W. Peavey	Term Expires 1974
Donald A. Dwyer	Term Expires 1974
Francis J. Mathews	Term Expires 1974

PERMANENT FULL TIME PATROLMEN

David E. Chambers	Raymond D. Kelly
Richard D. Smith	Alfred Nichols
Raymond R. Redican	Roland L. Spinney

SERGEANT & CLERK

M. Lucille Gamelin

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Edward A. Cardone, Jr.	Edward Syvinski
Richard G. Noone	Albert Lord - Economy Co-Operative Bank
Brian W. Peavey	John Gilchrist - Legion Hall
David N. Sharkey	Donald E. Corthell - Dispatcher
Robert P. Kimbell	Ernest S. Packard

MATRONS & CROSSING GUARDS

Rachel L. Adams

Judy A. Willneff	Gail E. Chambers

CROSSING GUARDS

Nancy V. Roberts

Margaret M. Gynan	Joyce E. Armstrong

HONORARY POLICE OFFICERS

Alexander M. Sullivan, Honorary Chief
Maurice Carey, Honorary Chief

Fred A. Smith		George R. Buzzell
Dr. Harry Blotner	Thomas Chaff	Frank Danforth

FIRE DEPARTMENT ENGINEERS

Richard J. Powers, Chief

Harold J. Hume

David Stewart

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Richard J. Powers

GAS INSPECTOR

James H. Gleason

WIRING INSPECTOR

Roy E. Keiser

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Robert S. Michel

TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

Albert W. Lord

Parker McLaren

Edward Sargent

DOG OFFICER

William F. Roberts

DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

John Gilchrist

FENCE VIEWERS

William T. Willneff

HEALTH NURSE

Charlotte E. Stepanian

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Gaetano T. Caruso

INSPECTOR OF SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS

Frederick Key

INSPECTOR OF MILK AND ANIMALS

George L. Pittman

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

George T. MacGown

VETERANS' SERVICE AND GRAVE OFFICER
VETERAN'S AGENT AND BURIAL AGENT

Harrison DeLong

BROX BUILDING RENOVATION COMMITTEE

Forrest Bishop, Chairman
Everett L. Cossar, Clerk
William Vigneault, Planning Board
Richard Herbert, Appeals Board
Ronald Shaw, Conservation Comm.
H. Francis Drenth, Selectman
Richard Powers, Fire Chief

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Evelyn Calnan, Chairman
Dr. Frederick Sweetsir
Jeffrey Hoyt
Dorothy Condon
Charlotte McCarron
Harold Waterhouse
Kenneth Fowle

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Wallace Blanchard, Chairman
Parker McLaren
Ronald Shaw
Karen Sacharis
Beverly Allen
Henry D. Lay
Nathan Tufts

INDIAN HEAD PARK COMMITTEE

Raymond P. David
Edwin Lurvey
John R. Sheehan

MERRIMAC INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Edward Maguire, Chairman
Henry J. Bertram
James S. Smith
James A. Hume
Robert McCarthy
Kenneth G. Fowle

TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Nancy Perkins, Chairman
Nathan Tufts
Geraldine Wallace
Karen Ehrig
Norman A. Sande

STUDY COMMITTEE FOR A CHANGE IN TOWN GOVERNMENT

Ralph Harrington
Lucien Villeneuve
Bruce Evans
Claire McCarthy
George Sacarob

STUDY COMMITTEE
FOR A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Warren Hoyt, Chairman
Charles Billups, Secretary
Eleanor Hope
Henry D. Lay
Bruce Behan
James Whipple
John Buzzell

BUILDING CODE STUDY COMMITTEE

Richard Powers, Fire Chief
Robert Michel, Building Inspector
Arthur Evans, Planning Board
George Stevens, Member-at-large
Carl Olson, Member-at-large
Bernard Goodwin, Member-at-large
James Glidden, Planning Board

HOME HEATING ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

Wallace Blanchard
Beverly Allen
Frank Sowick
John Gilchrist
Karen Zacharis

VOTE FOR OFFICERS ANNUAL ELECTION
March 5, 1973

Moderator	
Robert L. Eckert	885
Blanks	145
Town Clerk	
Dorothy A. Cloyd	913
Blanks	119
Selectmen, for three years	
Raymond P. David	613
Frank C. Casazza	220
Corrado Pirrotta	150
Blanks	49
Selectmen, two years to fill vacancy	
Ronald A. Evans	101
Ralph J. Harrington	207
Nancy C. MacGregor	490
George J. Sacarob	20
Francis X. Sheehy	200
Blanks	14
Board of Health, three years	
Allen F. Stevens	864
Assessor, three years	
Milton E. Webster	824
Blanks	209
Tax Collector, three years	
Wilfred G. Journeay	813
Treasurer, one year	
Roy C. Journeay	802
Blanks	229
School Committee, three years	
Daniel S. Gulezian	804
Blanks	228

School Committee, two years to fill vacancy

Eida V. Jervey	728
Blanks	303

Trustee of Cemeteries, three years

Alva W. Clark	840
Blanks	193

Library Trustee, three years

Robert L. Eckert	759
Nathan Tufts, Jr.	576
Blanks	727

Library Trustee, one year to fill vacancy

E. Elizabeth Pittman	588
Barbara C. Smiles	327
Blanks	115

Trustee of Kimball Park, three years

Bruce R. Christie	32

Light Commissioner, three years

George A. Waterhouse	825
Blanks	207

Water Commissioner, three years

George A. Waterhouse	817
Blanks	215

Tree Warden, three years

Donald A. Dwyer	757
Blanks	269

Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood & Bark, one year

Donald A. Dwyer	11
Wallace P. Spencer	10
Richard E. Sargent	6

Playground Commission, five years

George J. P. Stevens	840
Blanks	193

Planning Board, five years	
George F. Mahoney	456
Lucien E. Villeneuve	453
Blanks	122
Merrimac Housing Authority, five years	
Florent J. Gosselin	819
Blanks	214

VOTE FOR OFFICERS SPECIAL ELECTION
October 9, 1973

Selectmen, to fill unexpired term to March 1974	
Ronald A. Evans	97
George W. Haskins	48
George J. P. Stevens	735
Blanks	18
Selectmen, to fill unexpired term to March 1976	
Frank C. Casazza	65
H. Francis Drenth	533
Arthur D. Evans	73
Corrado Pirrotta	62
Clayton H. Sibley	57
William D. Vance	95
Francis X. Sheehy	2
Blanks	11

JURY LIST

The following Jury List for the calendar year beginning July 1, 1974 has been prepared by the BOARD OF SELECTMEN in compliance with Chapter 234, Sect. 4, of the General Laws and adopted March 11, 1974.

ANDERSON, Howard E., Jr., Harriman Roadr	Western Electric
ARBOUR, Harold R., 41 School St.	Bus Driver
ARMSTRONG, Norman W., 48 Church Street	General Electric
BEDARD, George E., 24 Orchard Street	Western Electric
BEHAN, Bruce, 2 Middle Street	Data Proc. Mgt.
BUCKLEY, George D., 17 Emery Street	Western Electric
BUMKER, Lloyd E., Highland Road	Buffer
CARON, Marie L., 96 River Road	Western Electric
CHRISTIE, James J., 12 Vendome Street	Dept. Chief
CLARK, Joyce M., 112 River Road	Western Electric
COBURN, Richard L., 42 River Road	Sales Eng.
CONNOR, Bernard H., 61 Church Street	Manager
COSSAR, Everett L., 16 Middle Road	Draftsman
FERRARI, Raymond F., 55 West Main Street	New England Power
FLYNN, John E., 10 Maple Street	Supervisor
GOODWIN, David, 92 River Road	Banker
GRAVES, Letitia A., Birch Meadow Rd.	Western Electric
HANDERSON, Marjorie L., 98 East Main Street	At Home
HARGRAVES, Velma A., 5 Winter Street	At Home
HARRINGTON, Edna G., 107 East Main Street	Cafeteria Worker
HARRINGTON, Mildred F., 42 Mill Street	At Home
HIGH, Mary E., 76 River Road	At Home
KANE, Daniel R., 37 Bear Hill Road	IRS
KERSHAW, Arlene, 25 Woodland Street	At Home
MAHONEY, George F., Merrimac Terrace	Self-Emp.
McCARTHY, Clare A., Harriman Road	At Home
MELANSON, William J., West Shore Road	General Electric
OLSON, Dorothy E., 57 West Main Street	At Home
ROSE, H. Jean, Highland Road	At Home
SACAROB, Lillian, 6 Greenleaf Drive	At Home
SEPPA, Rita H., Lake Attitash	Western Electric
SHAW, Ronald K., 95 River Road	Sales Mgr.
SIBLEY, Clayton H., 18 High Street	Civil Eng.
SLYE, Carroll G., 17 Bartlett Street	Machinist

SMILES, Barbara C., 30 River Road	At Home
SMITH, Leon B., Orchard Street	General Electric
STEWART, John E., 6 Vale Street	Western Electric
SUTCLIFFE, Warren, Birch Meadow Road	Retired
SUTHERLAND, Richard G., Highland Road	Auditor
TAYLOR, Norman P., Bear Hill Road	Merrimac Elec.
TREFETHEN, Margaret A., 4 Middle Road	At Home
TURGEON, Walter, Jr., Green Street	Western Electric
YELLE, Rita L., Emery Street	At Home

MERRIMAC FIRE ALARM

Emergency Fire Alarm Telephone Number 6-8111

Emergency Phone 6-8111 should be used for fire calls only. If for any reason the line is out of order, please dial operator and ask for EMERGENCY OPERATOR.

IN ALL CASES GIVE YOUR NAME AND EXACT LOCATION OF FIRE

3-3	Chief's Call
4	East Main Street-Opposite Broad Street
5	Merrimac Square
12	Locust Street, corner of Green Street
13	Main Street, opposite Forest Street
14	Main Street, near residence of Mrs. William H. Franklin
15	Birch Meadow Rd. and Main St., to Haverhill-Merrimac line
16	Woodland and Grove Street
17	School and Pleasant Streets
18	School and Mill Streets
21	East Main Street, opposite Skip's Snack Bar
23	East Main Street, near residence of William F. Acorn
24	Church Street, opposite Maple Street
25	Church and Mechanic Streets
26	Summer and Prospect Streets
27	Church Street, near residence of Richard Powers
28	Sawyer and Nichols Streets
31	Pleasant Street, Merrimacport
32	Merrimac Street, near Middle Road
34	Merrimac Street, Merrimacport
35	High St., Merrimacport, near Merrimac Brass Foundry
36	Merrimac and Broad Streets, Merrimacport
41	Lower East Main Street, Lake Attitash entrane
42	Lake Attitash Park at Fern Avenue
43	Emery Street at Burnside
51	Locust and Walnut Streets
52	Lower Locust Street, to Merrimac-Haverhill line
62	Birch Meadow Rd. and Hadley District - Telephone - No Box
71	Bear Hill Rd., to Newton, N.H. line - Telephone - No Box
72	West Shore, Lake Attitash, - Telephone - No Box
74	Dance Hall, Lake Attitash - Telephone - No Box

112	Nativity Church, Green Street
117	Housing for Elderly - Middle Street
132	Helen R. Donaghue School - Union Street
133	Teloka - Union Street
142	Northeast National Bank
227	Harriman and Highland Roads
271	Red Oak School - Church Street
516	Oak Circle - Telephone - No Box
524	Second and Cross Streets, Amesbury - Telephone - No Box
2	Recall - All Out - Also All Clear Air Raid
2	10 times - Disaster Call Civil Defense

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

NO SCHOOL announcements will be made over Station WBZ and WHAV after 7 o'clock in the morning.

6:30 a.m. 11 - 11 - 11 - NO SCHOOL ALL DAY

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The trustees of the Merrimac Public Library submit the annual report for 1973, their ninety-seventh report.

The year 1973 was a year of growth and expansion of library facilities and service. The year 1973 was also a year of change in the library with the retirement of Joan M. Lamson and the arrival of the new librarian, Michael Grazier.

Library use and circulation continued to increase in 1973. Added to the library's circulation of 23,951 are the deposits to the North Shore Community Club, books borrowed through the inter-library loan service, and loans to the schools making the total circulation figure 24,798. 262 new borrowers were registered.

Added to the library's collection were 1,301 new titles, and the collection was supplemented by the loan of 1,498 titles borrowed from the regional bookmobile during its visits to the library this year. Individual requests for information or books beyond the scope of the library's collection were fulfilled by the delivery of 201 books through the daily book truck service of the Eastern Regional Library System's interlibrary loan service.

After years of planning and frustration and the determination of the savings of renovating at library expense instead of accepting aid, the major portion of the trustees' program of renovations and improvements for the library culminated in the opening of the new children's room in April. In the old basement where there existed only a furnace, there is now a brightly decorated room where children may now listen to tape recordings or records, watch filmstrips, read, or play games such as chess or checkers. This project will be completed in 1974 needing only the acquistion of furniture and equipment for the multipurpose room.

New services this year have also included the initiation of a monthly film program in October which 87 people have attended through December. Also, new in December is a rotating paperback book collection through the Eastern Regional Library System.

The children's summer library program was held from July through August and centered around the creation of a permanent aquarium for the children's room. At the end of the program, there was a movie and ice cream party attended by more than 40 children.

The library is gratified by the response of Merrimac citizens to the expansion of services, and wishes to express gratitude to all of those people who have helped with donations, exhibits, programs, and support for the library.

Respectfully submitted,

EIDA V. JERVEY
NATHAN TUFTS, JR.
ALICE M. BLANCHARD
ROBERT L. ECKERT
ELIZABETH PITTMAN
CHARLOTTE P. GULEZIAN

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF MILK AND ANIMALS

Hon. Board of Selectmen
Town of Merrimac, Mass.

For the year 1973 I issued the following licenses:

Sale of milk and cream	10
Sale of oleomargarine	4
Sale of milk from delivery trucks	4

for a total of thirty dollars ($30.00) which was turned over to the town treasurer.

Nine dog bite complaints were investigated and six (6) dogs were quarantined.

Two complaints of cruelty to animals were investigated.

Sincerely
GEORGE L. PITTMAN
Inspector of Milk & Animals

REPORT OF CENTENNIAL COMMISSION FOR YEAR 1973

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Good progress was made this year on plans for the celebration of Merrimac's centennial in 1976. The addition of Mrs. Charlotte McCarron to our group during the year has brought our total number of members to seven and has allowed the Selectmen to designate us as Merrimac's Historical Commission as well as the Centennial Commission.

One of the largest projects undertaken this past year was the duplication of original photographs of early Merrimac on 35mm slides. At this time, we have over 450 such slides covering a variety of places and topics. Dr. Sweetsir has given three public presentations of these slides and has provided a colorful narrative. At the slide programs given at the Donahue School, in the winter, and at the Town Hall, in the spring, over one hundred people attended. In order to make the Town Hall auditorium useable for such a program, Mrs. Evelyn Calnan and a team of hard working helpers put in many hours scrubbing the floor and cleaning the settees. Many of the pictures seen in the slide program will be included in Dr. Sweetsir's pictoral history of Merrimac which should be available by the end of 1974.

The restoration of the Landing School House is now complete except for a few details on the interior and the necessary furniture to make it a complete 1857 school house. The commission would like to thank Mr. Carl Olson for gratuitously giving his time to help with the project during the past months.

On Saturday, June 9, 1973, the Centennial Commission sponsored a fund raising program of events called "Old Merrimac Day." The activities of the day included a flea market in front of the Brox building, a chicken barbeque at the Pilgrim Church grounds, a beer parlor, open house at the Old Sawyer House, an ice cream parlor, a clown show for children at Town Hall, and in the evening there was a block dance in the square with music provided by Mr. Jack Shepard. The commission is grateful to Mr. Thomas Tucker for his help with the children's show and we also extend a special word of appreciation to

everyone who helped that day by working on the events or by attending the activities. Because of the cooperation of all, the day was very successful.

The die for the commerative coin has been created. The coin, with the seal of Merrimac on one side and a series of historical sketches on the other side created by Mrs. Alice (McCarron) Wilcox, will be offered to the public before the end of this year.

In November, the Centennail Commission, along with several other town groups, supported the plans of the Beautification Committee to improve the appearance of the town square. "Project '76", as it is called, would improve the appearance of the center of town by adding a small park and some green plantings. If such a project could be finished by 1976, this aspect of our centennial celebration could be enjoyed by the citizens of Merrimac for many years to come.

On November 27, 1973, representatives of this commission met with the Salisbury Historical Commission to discuss the possibilities of the several area towns getting together for a joint venture for celebrating the Bicentennial of the nation. Because Merrimac will be celebrating her 100th year in 1976 and the nation will be celebrating its 200th, we thought that the two events might be celebrated, in part, together. The response and enthusiasm has been highly positive so far. The next meeting of the several towns involved is scheduled for February of 1974 at which time Merrimac will be the host.

The Centennial Commission continues to meet on the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month.

Respectfully submitted,

EVELYN CALNAN, Chairman
DOROTHY CONDON, Secretary
KENNETH G. FOWLE
JEFFREY W. HOYT
CHARLOETTE McCARRON
FREDERICK N. SWEETSIR
HAROLD M. WATERHOUSE

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES

The Honorable Board of Selectmen
Merrimac, Mass. 01860

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is my annual report for the year ending December 31, 1973.

As Veterans' Service Officer the accomplishments have been many as follows: Securing compensation, pensions, hospitalization, outpatient treatment, additional pension for the housebound, educational benefits, G.I. Loans, insurance, affidavits, medical records, annual income questionnaires, tax exemptions, burial allowances, power of attorneys, certificates of service, and many other varied services. I have also had many phone calls, personal contacts, and many letters have been drafted and typed for veterans and their dependents. Grave markers and flags were distributed as required.

As Veterans' Agent I have taken applications for benefits, allowed justified payments, issued warrants, issued food orders, obtained authorizations and reimbursements, and maintained records. I have filed required reports with the Commissioner of Veterans' Services, Boston, Mass.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen and other Town Departments for their cooperation this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRISON S. DeLONG
Director of Veterans' Services

REPORT OF PLAYGROUND COMMISSION

To the Town of Merrimac:

The chairmanship for the commission for the year 1973 was held by George Stevens. The position of cleric was assigned to Arthur Bickford and a very promising and successful year was realized all committments and projects undertaken were completed.

Our supervised play program opened on the second Monday in July and continued for a period of six full weeks. Under the supervision of Mr. Bruce Christie and his assistants, Karen Richardson, Carol Powell and Charles Flynn a wonderful job was done by this group and the commission was more than pleased by their efforts. Registration was opened to children ranging in ages six through fifteen years of age. All enjoyed themselves and were kept busy in games of sports, fun and skill. Again we congratulate Bruce Christie and his staff. We also want to offer our sincere thanks to the Merrimac Lions Club for their generous support and help.

Respectfully submitted

GEORGE STEVENS, Chairman
ARTHUR BICKFORD, Clerk
LEON SMITH
ROBERT RANDALL
MICHAEL McLAUGHLIN

REPORT OF THE GAS INSPECTOR

To the Board of Selectmen
Merrimac, Mass.

A total of 80 gas permits were issued in 1973.

A total of $296.25 was collected for fees and turned over to the town.

Submitted by,

JAMES H. GLEASON
Gas Inspector

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The Board of Health organized for 1973 as follows:

Arthur W. Hoyt, Chairman
Allen F. Stevens, Clerk
Edward F. Streeter, Member

Following the resignation of Mr. Streeter because of moving out of town, the joint Boards of Selectmen and Health appointed Mr. Norman W. Carleton to the Board to fill Mr. Streeter's unexpired term.

Inspection of septic system installations for full compliance with the Town and State Sanitary Codes are being made by Mr. Frederick Key, appointed Sewage Inspector by the Board. Several recommendations of the State Code have been adopted by the Board as Town regulations.

The new fee schedules for both Disposal Works Construction Permits and Installation Permits are expected to bring in sufficient funds to offset inspection costs. In the calendar year ending 12/31/73, 40 new construction permits have been issued. The sum of $2900.00 in permit fees has been turned in to the town at an inspection cost of $918.50, but much compliance inspection work remains to be done on systems approved but not yet under construction.

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

To the honorable Board of Selectmen:

I have found no violations for 1973.

The total amount of fees for Plumbing Permits for 1973 was $417.00.

Inspections have been made on all permits issued for 1973.

Respectfully,

G. T. CARUSO
Plumbing Inspector

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS
MERRIMAC FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of the Town of Merrimac

The Board of Fire Engineers submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1973.

Number of alarms	81
Assistance received from other communities	4
Assistance rendered other communities	8

In addition to regular alarm response, some of the firemen have attended monthly training meetings which cover the many facets of the fire service. Also several members have completed training in the following fields:

EMT - Emergency Medical Technician
CPR - Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation
Standard and Advanced First Aid
Emergency Child Birth

Three firemen completed a four-week Officer Training School sponsored by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Fire Fighting Academy at Topsfield.

In summary it has been a very active year. The training effort has been greatly stepped-up. This increased training activity will allow the Fire Department to better serve the people of Merrimac.

Hose Co. No. 1 held their first annual Firemen's Ball at St. Joseph's Hall in Amesbury. It was well attended and a huge success.

We wish to thank the honorable Board of Selectmen, the officers and men of the Fire Department, the Chief and officers of the Police Department and the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac, Massachusetts for their co-operation and support this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD J. POWERS
HAROLD J. HUME
DAVID STEWART, SR.
Board of Fire Engineers

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Honorable Board of Selectmen
Merrimac, Mass.

Gentlemen:

As Town Clerk for the Town of Merrimac, I hereby submit my annual report for the year 1973:

BIRTHS

Number of Births recorded	40
Males	25
Females	15
Father, Native Born	39
Mother, Native Born	40
Father and Mother, both Native Born	39
Father and Mother, both Foreign Born	0
Mixed Parentage	1

MARRIAGES

Number of Marriages recorded	57
First Marriage of Groom	44
First Marriage of Bride	41
Groom, Native Born	54
Bride, Native Born	55
Groom, Foreign Born	3
Bride, Foreign Born	2
Average age of Groom	30 years, 1 month, 1 day
Average age of Bride	27 years, 2 months, 0 days

DEATHS

Number of Deaths recorded	34
Males	16
Females	18
Under Five Years	1
Males, Native Born	14
Females, Native Born	17
Of Native Parentage	11
Of Mixed Parentage	23
Average Age	64 years, 1 month, 0 days
Oldest Person	94

LICENSES

Number of Dogs Licensed	259
Males	235
Females	21
Kennel Licenses	3
Sporting Licenses Issued	179
Minor's Sporting Licenses Issued	20

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY A. CLOYD
Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE MERRIMAC HOUSING AUTHORITY

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Merrimac Housing Authority has had a very busy year with the construction of the Elderly Project on Middle Street. The Authority met 11 times in regular session and 5 times in special session.

The Authority signed a contract for the construction of 48 units for the eldery on February 14, 1973, and these units are fast taking shape and are expected to be ready for occupancy early spring of 1974.

The Authority applied and received approval to participate in the Chapter 707 State Rental Assistance Program. This program is available to any qualified low income family allowing the Authority to subsidize rent in private housing.

The Authority wishes to thank all Town Officials for their excellent cooperation. The Authority cordially invite all citizens of Merrimac to visit the new facilities on Middle Street.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. STUART, Executive Director
DOROTHY E. OLSON, Chairman (State Rep.)
FLORENT J. GOSSELIN, Vice-Chairman
EDMOND L. HAMEL, Treasurer
ALEXANDER M. SULLIVAN, Vice-Treasurer
GEORGE E. LUCY, Member-at-large

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The Trustees of the Merrimac Cemetery Department submit the following report.

The Trustees organized as follows: Alva W. Clark, Chairman: Merrill B. Smith, Sr., Clerk and Harold R. Arbour, Secretary.

This year the town purchased land at the lower entrance and we have started to landscape same. We hope to have it completed in 1974.

A plot of land was set aside for a Veterans lot and seven veterans have already been interred in the lot. The Merrimac Legion donated a flag and flagpole and installed same. Mr. Delong of the Veterans Service donated four blue spruce to put on the lot.

We had twenty-six burials during the year.

We wish to thank the Highway Department, the Tree Department and the Water Department for their co-operation during the year.

The cemeteries were kept in their usual fine condition by Charles O. Haynes, Superintendent.

Respectfully submitted,

ALVA W. CLARK, Chairman
MERRILL B. SMITH, SR., Clerk
HAROLD R. ARBOUR, Secretary

REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

The following nursing care visits were made to 17 residents upon a physician's request.

	Patients	Visits	Mileage
January	6	38	83
February	6	32	70
March	6	30	69
April	7	44	73
May	6	63	123
June	9	59	76
July	7	40	60
August	6	30	83
September	8	32	78
October	5	43	87
November	6	63	109
December	8	73	125
Total		547	1036

Immunization clinics were held on March 28, April 25, and May 23, with a total of 316 doses administered. Parents are reminded that pre-school and school age children may receive free of charge vaccine for smallpox, mumps, measles, german measles, diptheria, tetanus, whooping cough and polio.

53 cats and dogs received rabies vaccine from Dr. Henry Lyons on June 13.

Flue clinics were held on September 26, October 24 and November 28, for town employees and elderly residents. A total of 110 doses of London and Hong Kong flu vaccine were administered.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLOTTE E. STEPANIAN, R.N.
Public Health Nurse

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

I submit my report as Collector of Taxes for the year ending December 31, 1973. I wish to thank the vaious officials and citizens for their cooperation during the past year.

1973	Comm.	Uncollected	%
Real Estate	$1,228,490.14	$87,377.42	.07
Water Liens	910.01	364.05	.40
Personal Property	40,962.42	2,824.53	.068
*Auto Excise	119,489.64	25,186.64	.21
Farm Animal	422.10	7.50	.017
1972			
Real Estate	821,404.99	12,604.84	.015
Water Liens	583.35	27.00	.046
Personal Property	26,727.56	1,504.85	.056
Auto Excise	141,356.45	11,087.46	.078
Farm Animal	258.05	7.00	.027

*$14,990.52 of the 1973 auto excise was received so late in the year that the 60 day period during which these bills may be paid had not expired by the end of 1973. 1972 auto excise commitments are still coming from the State. This late billing is causing a loss of revenue to the Town as many of these bills are being returned by the Post Office because the whereabouts of the tax payer is unknown.

Respectfully Submitted,

WILFRED G. JOURNEAY
Collector of Taxes

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors respectfully submit the following report for the year 1973. The Board was organized as follows:

Joseph F. Dugas, Chairman
J. Duncan How, Clerk
Milton E. Webster, Member

In November Milton E. Webster submitted his resignation effective November 30th due to the heavy work schedule. He had been a member of the Board since 1967 and served as Chairman two years. His valuable knowledge and assistance will be a great loss to the Board and the Town.

On December 10th the Boards of Selectmen and Assessors unanimously agreed on the appointment of Walter D. Calnan as an Assessor until the annual Town Election in 1974.

The following is a recapitulation of appropriations and estimated income of the Town, which was used in computing the 1973 tax rate of $84.20:

Total Appropriation		$3,171,873.88
Cr. Estimated Receipts		10,945.36
County Tax and Assessments		45,341.88
State Tax and Assessments:		15,768.90
State Recreation	10,533.08	
Audit Municipal Accts.	15.93	
Mosquito Control	4,568.18	
M.V. Excise Bills	391.95	
State Assessment System	131.36	
Air Pollution Control	128.40	
	15,768.90	
Overlay 1973-74		74,752.79
GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED		$3,318,682.81

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS:

1973 Cherry Sheet Est. Receipts	941,276.81
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	150,178.14
Licenses	22,876.50

Fines	866.70	
General Government	7,836.63	
Protection of Persons and Property	905.62	
Health & Santitation	15.00	
Veterans Services	37.50	
School (local receipts of Sch. Comm.)	135.00	
Libraries	592.96	
Public Service Enterprises	69,448.77	
Cemeteries	6,846.75	
Interest	11,253.43	
Farm animal, Mach., & Equip. Excise	450.27	
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	1,212,720.08	
Overestimates (Cherry Sheet)	1,388.52	
Available Funds (incl. to reduce rate)	200,392.50	
NET TOTAL		1,414,501.10
Net Amount To Be Raised By Taxation (18 Mths.)		1,904,181.71
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED		
12 months	1,269,452.01*	
6 months	634,729.70	
18 months	1,904,181.71	
Water liens added to taxes	910.01*	
*COMMITTED TOTAL 1973		1,270,362.02
Tax Rate $84.20 per thousand		
School Tax - $56.62		
General Govt. - $27.58		
Personal Property Valuation	486,490.00	
Real Estate Valuation	14,590,225.00	
TOTAL VALUATION		15,076,715.00
Valuation of Motor Vehicles	1,883,500.00	
Number of Motor Vehicles	2495	
Number of Dealer-Repair-Farm	9	
Number of horses	72	
Number of cows	160	
Number of other animals	9	
Number of fowl	2600	
Number of houses	1088	

Number of acres (taxable)	4594
Deeds transferred & reviewed	188
1972 permits reviewed	91
Prior years reviewed	160
All assessments reviewed	

Despite the Assessors raising a net increase of $453,740. in new valuation, the tax rate netted an increase of $26.20 over the previous year's rate of $58. Reasons contributing to this all-time high jump are record high budget appropriations caused by the 18-month transitional year, the lack of local receipts, less free cash, smaller appropriations from Light Department and free cash to reduce the rate, combined with no new aid on the 18 month Cherry Sheet.

An Act, providing a tax exemption for certain qualifying elderly persons, passed by the Legislature in 1964 with amendments, allows an exemption of $350. in taxes or $4,000. in valuation whichever is greater. Under this Act, 79 were exempt for a total of $44,321.00 on a valuation of $526,381.16.

The Veteran exemption was amended in 1971 to allow under General Laws Ch. 59, Sec. 5, Clause 22 a flat exemption of $175. A total of 53 were exempt for a total valuation of $110,154.67 and $9,275.00 in taxes.

Widows exemptions allowed under General Laws Ch. 59, Sec. 5, Clause 17 and 18 were also allowed an exemption of $175. A total of 9 on a valuation of $18,705. and $1,575. in taxes were allowed exemptions.

The Board of Assessors attended monthly Essex County and Association of Massachusetts Assessors meetings and also attended the annual Assessors meeting in Hyannis at the Sheraton-Regal Inn.

We wish to thank the honorable Board of Selectmen, Town Counsel, Finance Committee and all officials of this Town for their fine cooperation extended to us during 1973. We also wish to publicly express our appreciation to the State Bureaus of Local Assessment and Taxation for their assistance during this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH F. DUGAS, Chairman
J. DUNCAN HOW
WALTER D. CALNAN

REPORT OF THE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

OPERATION STATEMENT

OPERATING REVENUES:		
Sale of Electricity		
Residential	235,886.30	
General Service	80,013.85	
Public Street Lights	9,030.76	
Town Buildings	9,201.87	
Floodlights	5,099.00	
OTHER REVENUES:		
Rentals	2,098.00	
Interest	8,129.87	
Merchandise & Jobbing	(91.48)	
Total Revenue		349,368.17
OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Purchased Power	184,941.11	
Distribution Operation	11,728.78	
Distribution Maintenance	19,188.43	
Meter Reading	2,556.30	
Customer Records & Coll.	14,114.76	
Other Cust. Accts. Expense	620.02	
Installation Allowances	2,075.00	
Advertising	45.10	
Manager Salary	7,607.52	
Office Supplies & Expenses	3,547.47	
Outside Services Employed	2,190.82	
Property Insurance	3,535.02	
Injuries & Damages	7.32	
Transportation	2,892.73	
Misc. General Expenses	1,437.60	
Depreciation	27,801.39	
Total Operation Expenses		284,289.37
ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO PLANT		
Distribution	57,945.96	
General	943.33	
Total		58,889.29

TOTAL EXPENDITURES		343,178.66
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES		6,189.51
RETURNED TO TOWN IN 1973		
Town Buildings	9,201.87	
Street Lights	9,030.76	
Cash-Reduction of Taxes	6,767.37	
		25,000.00

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETTS		
Plant & Property at cost	614,917.02	
Accumulated Depreciation	(245,052.48)	369,864.54
Cash for Operations		46,263.26
Cash received for Improvements to System		90,599.34
Special Deposits		2,625.00
Accounts Receivable		24,305.88
Materials & Supplies		18,226.86
TOTAL ASSETS		551,884.88
LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS		
Accounts Payable		21,335.74
Customers Deposits		2,625.00
Customers Advances for Const.		2,906.68
Surplus		525,017.46
TOTAL LIABILITIES		551,884.88

REPORT OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT

OPERATIONS		
Appropriations (18 Months)		
Regular	73,200.00	
Emergency	6,000.00	
Total		79,200.00
Expended for Operations:		
Station Wages	859.40	
Power Purchased	5,754.97	
Fuel Purchased	252.77	
Station Supplies & Expenses	1,451.09	
Maintenance & Repairs	19,954.75	
Superintendent's Salary	3,850.57	
Office Salaries	2,246.90	
Outside Services Employed	1,111.00	
Meter Reading	761.94	
Office Supplies & Expenses	1,423.26	
Taxes	279.30	
Truck Expenses	1,043.19	
Commissioner's Expenses	15.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	73.75	
Expended for Plant & Equipment		
Services	4,314.29	
Meters	617.57	
Office Equipment	374.47	
Hydrants	621.30	
Tools	69.70	
Total Expenditures		45,075.22
Unexpended at December 31, 1973		34,124.78
COLLECTIONS		
Water Revenue	71,407.38	
Service & Misc.	2,387,42	
Total Collected		73,794.80
SPECIAL TOWN APPROPRIATION: (18 Months)		
Appropriation-Clean Water Mains	4,500.00	

Expended	4,500.00	
Balance	0,000,00	
Appropriation-Install Valves	800.00	
Expended	000,00	
Unexpended-Dec. 31, 1973	800.00	
Appropriation-Repair Stockroom roof	250.00	
Expended	000.00	
Unexpended-Dec. 31, 1973	250.00	
Appropriation—Flushing Water Mains	4,000.00	
Expended	0,000.00	
Unexpended—Dec. 31, 1973	4,000.00	
Appropriation-Replace Water Mains	1,506.00	
Expended	1,506.00	
Balance	0,000.00	
Appropriation—Purchase Power Mower	2,413.00	
Expended	2,413.00	
Balance	0,000.00	
Appropriation—Elec. Work at Pump Station	1,000.00	
Expended	1,000.00	
Balance	0,000.00	
Appropriation-Construct a storage standpipe and buildings for a pumping station: install original pumping station equipment; lay and relay water mains; acquire land or interest in land for foregoing and for new wells:	480,000.00	
Expended	12,524.25	
Unexpended—Dec. 31, 1973	467,475.75	
WATER METER RENTAL FUND		
Balance Jan. 1, 1973	9,276.00	
Collections 1973	1,841.50	
Balance December 31, 1973		11,117.50

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
and the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac, Massachusetts:

I hereby submit my annual report of the activities of the Police Department for the year 1973.

Complaints	3745
Misc. complaints	1548
Motor vehicle accidents	119
Number of motor vehicles involved	146
Number of injured in M/V accidents - 1 fatal	32
Messages delivered	60
Articles or animals lost	56
Assistance to ill or injured	58
Ambulance assistance rendered	45
Missing persons reported	24
Assistance to other departments	57
Doors & windows found unlocked	98
Poles & wires down	11
Lights left burning	2
Reports of fires investigated	66
Assistance rendered Medical Examiner	3
People away	122
Dog bites	13
Dog complaints	205
Dogs struck	22
Breakdown assistance	50
Vehicles towed	58
Escorts	231
Minibike complaints	65
Horse complaints	63
Larcenies	73
Stolen bicycles	39
Breaking and entering	68
Assault and battery	3
Armed robbery	1
Report of vandalism	117
Stolen vehicles	7
Stolen motor scooter	1

Stolen 14 ton catapillar 1
Stolen D6 Scoop Dozer 1
Summons served for out of town dept. 90
Warrants served for out of town dept. 2
Jurors drawn 10

Motor vehicle warnings (written) 62
Motor vehicle complaints 115
Motor vehicle verbal warnings 289

NUMBER OF ARRESTS FOR THE YEAR 1973

Female residence 10
Male residence 63
Female non-residence 26
Male non-residence 110
TOTAL 209

DRUNK: 3, not guilty 2, appealed 1, 1 released.

OPER. UNDER INF. INT. LIQ: 11, fined 10, not guilty 2, appealed 4, total fines $900.00, 1 w/drew appeal.

OPER. TO ENDANGER: 6, fined 3, not guilty 2, probation 1, total fines $150.00, House of Correction 1.

OPER. W/O A LICENSE: 3, fined 3, total fines $45.00.

OPER. UNIS. M/V: 5, fined 2, dismissed 1, filed 1, appealed 1, total fines $200.00, 1-6 mos. w/o a find. If another offense in this period, to be committed YSB.

OPER. NO LICENSE IN POSS: 14, fined 11, total fines $145.00, 2 defaults, 1 nolo.

OPER. AFTER REVOCATION: 2, fined 1, appealed 1, total fines $50.00, cont. 2 mos. w/o a finding.

SPEEDING: 71, fined 59, not guilty 1, filed 1, total fines $965.00, 2 nolo, 4 default, 1 acquited, 1 registry action.

LEFT OF WAY: 19, fined 19, total fines $170.00, 1 nolo, 1 did not appear.

DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT: 24, fined 20, dismissed 1, not guilty 1, total fines $200.00, 3 defaults.

NO INSPECTION STICKER: 16, fined 10, dismissed 1, probation 1, total fines $125.00, 5 defaults, 1-2 wks, to pay.

NO REGISTRATION IN POSSESSION: 11, fined 9, dismissed 1, total fines $105.00, 2 defaults.

ALTERING REGISTRATION: 2, fined 1, appealed 1, total fines $10.00.

IMPEDED OPERATION: 2, fined 2, total fines $35.00.

OPER. BEYOND LIC. RESTRICTION: 1, fined 1, total fines $25.00.

FAIL. TO STOP FOR A P.O.: 3, fined 3, total fines $85.00.

UNAUTH. USE OF A M/V: 1, grand jury.

IMPROPER STARTING: 5, fined 2, dismissed 1, total fines $20.00, acquitted.

BALD FRONT TIRES: 1, fined 1, total fines $10.00.

ATT. IMPROPER PLATES: 2, fines 1, dismissed 1, total fines $25.00.

ILLEGAL ATTACHMENT OF PLATES: 2, fined 1, not guilty 1, total fines $50.00.

OPER. AFTER RESTRICTION: 1, fined 1, total fines $10.00.

OPER. M/C W/O A VAL. M/C LIC.: 1, fined 1, total fines $10.00.

FOLLOWING TOO CLOSELY: 1, fined 1, total fines $10.00.

LEAV. SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT: 2, fined 1, probation 1, total fines $50.00, House of Correction 1.

EXCESSIVE SMOKE FROM VEH: 1, fined 1, total fines $10.00.

NO FRONT PLATE DISPLAYED: 1, did not appear.

IMPEDING FLOW OF TRAFFIC: 1, fined 1, total fines $10.00.

STUDDED REAR TIRES: 1, fined 1, total fines $10.00.

FAIL. TO REPORT CHANGE OF ADD: 1, did not appear.

MINOR TRANS. LIQ. IN A M/V: 5, fined 1 dismissed 2, not guilty 1, total fines $50.00, 2 cont. w/o a find., 1-1yr w/o a find.

MINORS IN POSS. OF A. BEV: 3, 3 released to par.

HAVING POSS. OF A NAR. DRUG: 7, fined 2, dismissed 1, appealed 1, probation 1, total fines $125.00, Pay court day cost $25.00.

POSS. OF A HARMFUL DRUG: 1, released.

POSS. OF MARIJUANA: 2, 2 cont. 6 mos. w/o a find.

DELINQUENT BY REASON OF A & B ON A POLICE OFFICER: 1, appealed 1, house of correction 1, F. G. Cont. 6-6-74.

DELINQUENT BY REASON OF INTERFERRING WITH A POL. OFF: 1, appealed 1, F. G. Cont. 6-6-74.

STUBBORN CHILD: 1, YSB 1 yr. susp. 1 yr. Prob. Phy. treat.

RUNAWAYS – LIBERTY HOUSE: 2, Returned and Comm.

ARMED ROBBERY: 1, Incomplete case open.

A & B ON A POL. OFFICER: 2, appealed 1, house of correction 1, cont. w. o. find. 1 yr.

RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS: 7, fined 1, not guilty 2, probation 3, house of correction 2, 1 grand jury, 1-cont. 1 yr. w/o find.

REC. STOLEN GOODS & CONCEAL: 2, not guilty 1, 1 - cont. 1 yr w/o find.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY: 2, dismissed 2, 2 - lack of evidence.

A & B W/DANGER. WEAPON: 1, house of correction 1, reduced to assault and battery.

MALICIOUS DAM. TO PROP: 1, cont. w/o find. with restitution.

B & E IN NIGHTIME: 4, appealed 1, house of correction 1, 1 - grand jury.

LARCENY OVER $100.00: 10, not guilty 2, appealed 3, probation 7, house of correction 7, grand jury 3, restitution 1, 1 - cont. w/o a find. (Assist. to Police)

INTERFERRING W/A POL. OFFICER: 1, house of correction 1.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT: 8, fined 1, dismissed 1, appealed 1, total fines $10.00, house of correction 2, 1 - cont. w/o find. 1 yr., 1 - cont. w/o find. 6 mos. prob. for this period and restitution, 1 - cont. w/o find. 6 mos. prob. for this period w/restitution and stay our of Sq., 1 - cont. 6 mos. w/o find. under direct supervision of Prob. Office.

NON SUPPORT: 1, fined 1, probation 1, pay $60.00 per week.

FAILURE TO PAY FINE: 1, paid fine.

COMMITTED TO HOSPITAL: 2.

I would like to thank all the citizens of the Town of Merrimac for the assistance given to this department in the past year. I would also like to remind you that the police department is only as good as the citizens that help us, so please remember if you see it, report it no matter how small you may think it is, allow us to determine the necessity of an investigation.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD J. MONTIGNY
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

To the citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The balances, receipts and disbursements for the year 1973 were as follows:

Balance January 1, 1973	263,318.57	
Receipts to January 1, 1974	3,364,846.84	
		3,628,165.41
Payments on warrants	3,330,666.10	
Balance January 1, 1974	297,499.31	
		3,628,165.41

SPECIAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

Balance January 1, 1973	27,282.00	
Receipts to January 1, 1974	82,088.31	
		109,370.31
Funds appropriated	68,462.00	
Balance January 1, 1974	40,908.31	
		109,370.31

Respectfully submitted,

ROY C. JOURNEAY
Town Treasurer

REPORT OF WHITTIER VO-TECH

The year 1973 has been a year of many challenges for the Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School District. It has been a year of excitement for the staff who have seen a new concept of education being born. It has been a year of wonder, concern and fulfillment for most of the student body who chose to become a part of Whittier.

The first part of 1973 was spent at our Washington Square office in finalizing the multitude of details necessary to enter the new building. We were hampered by the fact that the building, which was expected to be turned over to us in July, was not turned over until September 10th, and then only for a limited occupancy.

The teachers reported to school on September 10th for their indoctrination and the first freshman group reported on September 17th. By September 19th a full enrollment of 1600 was reached. These first few months were very trying because much of the building was not ready for occupancy as required by the Department of Public Safety. The staff and student body met the adverse condition as a challenge. Through skillful creativity the faculty managed to make the best of the situation. Most of the students accepted the conditions and remained to pursue the educational advantages which Whittier can afford them.

At the end of 1973 all areas of the school were in operation, some of the equipment is still inoperable due to back ordered parts, but for the most part the physical plant is working.

A bright side of our opening was that we started with a full athletic program and up to date we have had a very persevering football team winning one of its games, a cross country track team which was a credit to our school, a hockey team which is showing great potential and a basketball team which is heading toward its league championship. Along with these sports, a very fine group of cheerleaders have given much of themselves to create a sense of school spirit which is essential if Whittier is to achieve its goal of being an outstanding competitor in the field of sports.

A useful evening program has been initiated which will assist our adult population in attaining an upgraded status in their world of work.

We opened our doors to the public on November 18th and I feel that at that time a great number of our district's population saw the true potential of our school.

Whittier Regional is experiencing all of the normal problems of a new school, but each day brings us closer to our ultimate goal of providing an educational system which gives the student body a salable skill as well as a relevant academic program.

The communities which make up our district are to be thanked and congratulated for their interest and financial cooperation which is necessary if their youngsters are to receive the kind of education this school was planned to provide.

The Whittier Regional School Committee members are to be commended for their tireless efforts and interest in making this school what it was meant to be.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD MacDONALD
Superintendent-Director

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

At the Annual Town Election in March 1973, Nancy C. MacGregor was elected to fill the unexpired term of Richard P. Gallagher. The board promptly organized as follows: Raymond P. David, Chairman, Nancy C. MacGregor, Clerk, and Bernard H. Connor.

At the Annual Town Meeting in February, a major step was taken to improve the town's water supply and delivery, by a vote to appropriate $320,000 for the necessary equipment and construction. The second largest appropriation was for $204,555 which was voted to pay Merrimac's share of department service, and operating costs of the Whittier Vocational Technical High School for 1973 and 1974. The town also voted to transfer $48,762.00 from Revenue Sharing funds to begin the work on the Brox Building.

On June 11, 1973, a Special Town Meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum and on June 18 another special meeting was called and a quorum attended. At this meeting the town took action on 17 articles. One of the primary articles voted was the transfer of the town's refuse disposal area from the Board of Health to the Highway Department.

On October 8, 1973, Raymond P. David and Bernard H. Connor resigned from the Board of Selectmen necessitating a special election which was held on October 9, 1973. George P. Stevens was elected to fill Mr. Connor's unexpired term, and Frank Drenth to complete Mr. David's term.

On October 15, 1973, a special town meeting was held and the town voted to establish a Building Code Committee, and voted in three Zoning By-Law changes.

In November the Selectmen and the Board of Health met with a representative from the State Department of Public Health to discuss requirements for the development of the Merrimac Refuse Disposal Area. It was agreed that the town would, in the spring, proceed with it's plans to select an engineering firm to do the survey as requested by the State.

On December 17, 1973, the board voted to hold an additional town meeting on January 21, 1974 to allow the voters to move the annual

town meeting to May. The hope was that by that time the Assessors would have received the Cherry Sheet from the State and would be able to give the voters as much information as possible before new budgets and new appropriations had to be voted upon.

Throughout the year the Selectmen have attended meetings with various State officials to review the problems of sewerage treatment and solid waste disposal. At the same time, the board members are very much aware of the on-going work of the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission; of its studies and plans for regional solutions for these and other important problems of the Merrimack Valley. The board recognizes that as these various MVPC plans become finalized, they most likely will represent efficient and economic solutions for Merrimac, and the towns of the Valley, and will require serious consideration. We are therefore, with regard to the Refuse Disposal Area, proceeding cautiously to fulfill State requirements as minimally and economically as possible. As for the sewerage treatment plans, we have been told by the State Water Resource Commission to maintain the status quo until we receive a schedule from them sometime in 1974.

We wish to thank all the appointed and elected officials for their kindness and cooperation during the unusual situation this past year of an essentially totally new Board of Selectmen. We also want to express our thanks to all the citizens of the town.

Respectfully submitted,

NANCY C. MacGREGOR
H. FRANCIS DRENTH
GEORGE P. STEVENS
Board of Selectmen

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

In accordance with provisions of Chapter 41, of the General Laws, I hereby submit the following report of the Accountant's department, first expressing my appreciation for the cooperation and courteous assistance rendered by you and all other Town Officials in complying with the requirements of our system. I also wish to thank the Department of Corporations and Taxation, Bureau of Accounts for the advice and courtesy they have extended to me during the year.

RECEIPTS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

TAXES:		
Current:		
Personal	37,899.05	
Real Estate	1,091,206.66	
Previous Years:		
Personal	1,389.21	
Real Estate	42,816.61	
Tax Title Redemptions	4,590.51	
State Tax Basis	3,802.68	
Total Taxes		1,181,704.72
LICENSES & PERMITS:		
Trailer Park Fees	10,548.00	
Liquor Licenses	2,650.00	
Building Permits	286.00	
Gas Permits	296.50	
Wiring Permits	660.00	
Plumbing Permits	417.00	
Sewerage Permits	2,975.00	
Filing Fee	25.00	
All Other	373.20	
Total Lic. & Permits		18,230.70
FINES & FORFEITS:		
Court Fines	428.00	

Dog Licenses	801.05	
Total Fines & Forfeits		1,229.05
PRIVILEGES:		
Excise 1973	86,381.98	
Excise 1972	57,892.36	
Excise 1971	1,626.15	
Excise 1970	89.10	
Excise 1968	11.00	
Excise 1967	42.90	
Excise 1966	13.20	
Total Excises		146,056.69
FARM ANIMAL EXCISES:		
1973	414.60	
1972	31.00	
1971	102.25	
Total F. A. Excises		547.85
INTERESTS:		
1973	425.99	
1972	1,869.56	
1971	2,161.46	
1970	11.01	
1968	1.87	
1967	10.29	
1966	2.11	
Adv. Costs & Added Int.	1,003.63	
Recordings & Releases	99.50	
Total Interests Etc.		5,585.42
Total General Government		1,906,433.67

COMMERCIAL REVENUE

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:		
Office Rental	368.00	
Lease of Town Land	250.00	
Total Gen. Government		618.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY:		
Gun Permits	865.00	
I.D. Cards	130.00	
Bicycle Plates	32.25	
Police Revolving Fund	6,682.20	
Total Protection		7,709.45
HEALTH:		
Milk Inspections	30.00	
Nurse Fees	456.75	
Ambulance Service	42.00	
Total Health		528.75
HIGHWAYS:		
Ch. 90 Maintenance	500.00	
Ch. 81	9,127.00	
Ch. 90 Const. County	515.98	
Road Machinery	2,095.30	
Total Highways		12,238.28
VETERANS BENEFITS:		
State	2,865.75	
Total Veterans Benefits		2,865.75
SCHOOLS:		
Lunch Program - State	21,871.90	
Lunch Program - Town	22,967.52	
State Aid Ch. 70	508,239.82	
State Aid Ch. 645 - Const.	34,286.83	
Ch. 74 - Tuition & Trans.	14,138.00	
Ch. 71 - Ed. Trans.	23,271.15	
Individual Tuition	180.00	
Sale of Equipment	150.00	
P.L. 874	89.00	
P.L. Title 2	2,957.86	
P.L. 90 -576 Title 1	15,928.00	
Ch. 812 - 1971 Census	821.00	
Total Schools		644,901.08

LIBRARY:		
Fines	438.11	
State Aid	1,591.88	
Interest T. Hoyt Fund	541.16	
Trust Fund Withdrawals	12,100.00	
Albert Wadleigh Award	50.00	
Total Library		14,721.15
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:		
Light Dept.:		
Sale of Light	249,149.57	
Sale of General Service	101,790.65	
Sale of Misc.	3,718.29	
Consumer Deposits	2,395.00	
Sales Tax	63.38	
Total Light		357,116.89
Water Dept:		
Water Rates	71,439.38	
Water Misc.	2,387.42	
Water Meter Rental	1,841.50	
Total Water		75,668.30
Water Liens:		
1973	433.15	
1972	33.75	
1971	27.00	
Total Water Liens		493.90
CEMETERIES:		
Perpetual Care Funds	3,200.00	
Annual Care	441.00	
Sale of Lots	1,275.00	
Openings, Etc.	2,834.19	
Interest Trust Funds	5,252.75	
Interests H. Robinson Lot	78.76	
Total Cemeteries		13,081.70
Total Commercial Revenue		576,864.01

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS

Indian Head Park Fees	276.00	
Revenue Loans	630,000.00	
Brox Building Serial Loan	65,000.00	
Water Bond Note	15,023.00	
Interest - General Cash	4,000.00	
Interest - Stabilization Fund	642.21	
Interest Consumer Deposits	215.75	
Interest Water Meter Fund	765.06	
Interest - Conservation Fund	268.03	
Withdrawals Stabilizations Fund	24,893.74	
Withdrawals Light Depreciation	21,084.50	
Group Ins. Receipts	2,380.84	
Various Receipts & Refunds	3,329.94	
D.P.W. Certain Expenses	2,070.00	
Local Aid Lottery	22,827.83	
Reserve Machinery Account	1,631.50	
Garage Rental	300.00	
Federal Withholding Tax	66,544.27	
State Withholding Tax	20,296.49	
Total Misc. Receipts		881,549.16
Total General, Commercial and Miscellaneous Receipts		3,364,846.84
Cash Balance Jan. 1, 1973		263,318.57
		3,628,165.41

SPECIAL CASH REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

U.S. Treasury	79,108.00	
Interest Rev. Sharing Funds	2,980.31	
Certificates of Deposits	31,351.18	
Total Receipts		113,439.49
Special Cash Balance Jan.1, 1973		27,282.00
		140,721.49

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

MODERATOR:		
Salary	12.00	
		12.00
SELECTMEN:		
Salaries	1,763.64	
Clerical Assistance	2,865.10	
Admx. Expense	164.00	
Printing & Postage	186.74	
All Other	764.00	5,743.48
ACCOUNTANT:		
Salary	6,752.40	
Expense	139.75	6,892.15
TREASURER:		
Salary	1,200.00	
Clerical Assistance	487.03	
Printing & Postage	216.00	
Data Processing	954.56	
All Other	1,338.94	4,196.53
TAX COLLECTOR:		
Salary	2,499.96	
Clerical Assistance	374.54	
Printing & Postage	501.10	
All Other	822.25	4,197.85
ASSESSORS:		
Salary	1,800.00	
Clerical Assistance	3,630.42	
Survey	565.00	
Admx. Expense	124.70	
Printing & Postage	168.00	
All Other	1,869.80	8,157.92
FINANCE BOARD:		
Printing & Postage	281.30	
All Other	130.00	411.30

LEGAL SUITS & EXPENSE:		
Town Counsel Salary	1,750.00	
Expense	1,747.59	3,497.59
PLANNING BOARD:		
Expenses	62.80	62.80
TOWN CLERK:		
Salary	999.96	
Printing & Postage	425.80	
All Other	47.17	1,472.93
REGISTRARS:		
Salaries	300.00	
Census Taker	400.00	
Expense	173.21	873.21
ELECTION OFFICERS:		
Wages	468.00	
Expense	32.00	500.00
BOARD OF APPEALS EXPENSE	128.21	128.21
BONDING TOWN OFFICERS	597.00	597.00
TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE:		
Janitor Salary	840.00	
Fuel	1,513.29	
Telephone	370.34	
Equipment	120.00	
Repairs	948.44	
Supplies	157.62	
All Other	284.30	4,233.99
Total General Government		40,976.96

PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY

POLICE:	
Salary - Chief	13,220.69

Patrolmen	34,672.35	
Clerk - Sergeant	4,404.65	
Specials	9,158.52	
Cruiser Expense	5,919.49	
Office Expense	499.63	
Radio Repairs & Expense	2,285.70	
Telephone	1,311.58	
Uniforms	1,530.10	
All Other	1,427.35	74,430.06
Special Revolving Fund	6,527.73	
Special Purchase Fund	200.00	6,727.73
FIRE:		
Salaries - Engineers	1,300.00	
Wages - Firemen	7,266.66	
Forest Fire Wardens	199.92	
Fire Alarms	635.00	
Fuel	590.34	
Telephone	542.31	
Gas & Oil	358.97	
Equipment & Repairs	443.39	
Maintenance & Supplies	386.25	
All Other	132.70	11,855.54
GAS INSPECTOR:		
Salary	349.92	
Expense	140.00	489.92
WIRING INSPECTOR:		
Salary	349.92	
Expense	50.00	399.92
BUILDING INSPECTOR SALARY	300.00	300.00
OIL BURNER INSPECTOR:		
Salary	150.00	
Expense	50.00	200.00
PLUMBING INSPECTOR SALARY	350.00	350.00

DOG OFFICER:		
Salary	300.00	
Expense	598.00	898.00
TREE WARDEN:		
Salary	300.00	
Wages	1,444.50	
Truck Hire	609.00	
Equipment & Repairs	485.63	
Insecticides	544.93	
Gas & Oil	19.04	
All Other	943.93	4,347.03
MOTH DEPARTMENT:		
Labor	700.00	
Insecticides	737.28	
All Other	54.25	1,491.53
DUTCH ELM:		
Wages	412.00	
Equipment	249.95	
Tree Service	1,522.00	
Repairs	293.05	
All Other	396.50	2,873.50
STUMP REMOVAL:	934.89	934.89
NEW TREES:	168.00	168.00
CIVIL DEFENSE EXPENSES:	147.86	147.86
Total Protection		105,613.98

HEALTH AND SANTITATION

BOARD OF HEALTH:	
Admx. Expense	30.80
Wages	96.39
Animal Burials	138.00

Medicial Supplies	36.07	
All Other	64.32	365.58
SEWERAGE INSPECTOR EXPENSE:	864.00	864.00
HEALTH NURSE:		
Salary	1,800.00	
Expense	70.02	1,870.02
ANIMAL INSPECTOR:		
Salary	100.00	
Expense	10.00	110.00
MILK INSPECTOR:		
Salary	30.00	
Expense	10.00	40.00
VITAL STATISTICS:	258.00	258.00
DUMP MAINTENANCE:		
Salary	5,432.31	
Wages	1,818.70	
Gravel, Fill, Etc.	7,980.50	
Truck Hire	1,766.50	
Bulldozer Hire	4,423.50	
Steam Roller	535.00	
Asphalt	486.81	
Gas and Oil	211.74	
Equipment & Repairs	571.22	
Fuel	60.50	
Telephone	88.09	
All Other	694.81	24,069.68
PURCHASE BULLDOZER	13,478.00	13,478.00
PURCHASE WOODCHIPPER	4,000.89	4,000.89
Total Health and Sanitation		45,056.17

HIGHWAYS

ROAD MACHINERY:		
Repairs	2,194.79	
Supplies	2,133.88	
Gas and Oil	1,783.14	
Fuel	150.78	
All Other	26.41	6,289.00
THICKLY SETTLED:		
Salary	2,293.55	
Wages	4,334.50	
Shed Rental	140.00	
Loader, Trucks, Etc.	192.50	
Sand and Gravel	67.80	
Equipment and Repairs	533.64	
Cold Patch	301.00	
Telephone	28.46	
Supplies	2,742.31	
All Other	281.96	10,915.72
SIDEWALKS, RAILS & BRIDGES:		
Salary	93.50	
Wages	227.97	
Repairs	1,290.82	
Supplies	178.98	
Gas and Oil	211.81	
All Other	74.47	2,077.55
SNOW & WASHOUTS:		
Salary	2,418.85	
Wages	6,266.66	
Loader, Plowing, Etc.	285.62	
Salt, Sand, Etc.	13,573.57	
Cold Patch	140.00	
Equipment and Repairs	2,028.58	
Fuel	1,551.50	
Telephone	46.92	
Gas and Oil	426.18	
All Other	1,204.59	27,942.47

RESURFACE CERTAIN ROADS:		
Salary	17.00	
Wages	108.63	
Asphalt	1,333.32	
Repairs and Supplies	497.22	1,956.17
REPAIRS TO PRIVATE WAYS:		
Salary	23.38	
Wages	61.20	
Truck Hire	400.00	
Grader	262.50	
Sand	44.00	
Cold Patch	8.25	
Asphalt	2,232.24	3,031.57
CHAPTER 81:		
Salary	2,065.50	
Wages	4,966.38	
Sand, Gravel, Etc.	506.80	
Equipment and Repairs	474.75	
Tar Patch	1,598.95	
Supplies	1,408.05	
All Other	58.87	11,079.30
CH. 90 CONSTRUCTION 1971:		
Salary	646.08	
Wages	1,302.03	
Sand	56.00	
Tar Patch	715.19	
Repairs	659.68	
All Other	221.19	3,600.17
CH. 90 CONSTRUCTION 1972:		
Salary	348.50	
Wages	801.72	1,150.22
CH. 90 CONSTRUCTION 1973:		
Salary	1,037.00	
Wages	2,636.19	
Sand and Gravel	1,635.60	
Asphalt	6,100.24	

Signs	114.28	
Supplies	689.27	12,212.58
CH. 90 MAINTENANCE:		
Salary	735.25	
Wages	1,418.31	
Supplies	657.45	
Signs	267.75	
Cold Patch	16.50	
All Other	200.00	3,295.26
PURCHASE CARRY-ALL TRAILER	2,487.00	2,487.00
PURCHASE USED PICKUP TRUCK	475.00	475.00
Total Highways		86,512.01

VETERANS BENEFITS

VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICER:		
Salary	946.20	
Expense	335.75	
Care of Graves	44.50	
Veterans Ordinary Allowances	6,647.94	
Medical Allowances	1,086.96	
Dental Allowances	201.00	
Food Allowances	319.10	
Veterans Clerk	756.80	10,338.25
Total Veterans		10,338.25

SCHOOLS

SCHOOL LUNCH T.A.	4,032.60	4,032.60
SCHOOL LUNCH REVOLVING:		
Salaries and Wages	12,594.58	
Food	28,510.25	
All Other	6,000.47	47,105.30

SCHOOL:		
Salaries and Wages	444,171.05	
Admx. Expense	120.63	
Travel Expense	475.00	
Office Expense	955.74	
Committee Expenses	1,617.72	
Office Supply	267.95	
General Supplies	9,884.53	
Physician	880.00	
Nurse Supplies	204.04	
Health Clinic	800.00	
Reg. and Spec. Transportation	30,627.14	
Librarian	3,165.50	
Educational T.V.	776.25	
Text Books	5,616.81	
Special Tuition	1,908.89	
Supplies and Maintenance	21,085.58	
School Census	300.00	
Fuel	8,831.00	
Telephone	1,801.95	
Fixed Assets	1,625.53	535,115.31
VOCATIONAL SCHOOL	13,103.94	13,103.94
P.L. 874	3,004.38	3,004.38
P.L. 90 - 576 TITLE I	15,928.00	15,928.00
P.L. TITLE 2	2,932.75	2,932.75
RED OAK SCH. BLDG. COMM.	800.00	800.00
PENTUCKET REG. ASSESSMENT	803,509.32	803,509.32
WHITTIER REG. VO-TECH ASSESS.	135,006.00	135,006.00
Total Schools		1,560,537.60

LIBRARY

Salary - Librarian	8,481.58	
Salary - Assistants	6,936.02	
Wages - Janitor	244.50	
Admx. Expense	65.20	
Books and Periodicals	4,941.15	
Fuel	543.61	
Telephone	119.41	
Repairs amd Maintenance	516.79	
Supplies	1,026.71	22,874.97
ALBERT WADLEIGH AWARD	50.00	50.00
TRUST FUNDS:		
Repairs	11,975.05	11,975.05
Total Library		34,900.02

RECREATION

PLAYGROUND:		
Wages	956.25	
Supervised Play Wages	1,380.00	
Supplies	213,85	
Fence	300.00	
Repairs	91.25	
All Other	659.62	3,600.97
INDIAN HEAD PARK EXPENSE	119.50	119.50
KIMBALL PARK EXPENSE	93.31	93.31
CHRISTMAS PARADE	300.00	300.00
Total Recreation		4,113.78

UNCLASSIFIED

INSURANCE:		
Workmen's Compensation	5,2[illegible].19	
Accident	5,758.24	

Fleet	3,566.18	
Schedule	1,043.22	
Liability	2,510.64	18,099.47
GROUP INSURANCE	9,671.27	9,671.27
Printing Town Reports	1,391.80	
Ambulance Service	479.40	
Memorial Day	496.60	
Merr. Valley Planning Comm.	636.75	
Rental American Leg. Quarters	500.00	
Conservation Commission	285.00	
Merr. Square Beautification	1,000.00	
Town Garden Beautification Comm.	600.00	
Light in Town Buildings	9,201.87	
Water in Town Buildings	593.72	
Street Lighting	9,030.76	24,215.90
Total Unclassified		51,986.64

PENSIONS

Essex County Retirement Fund	39,256.00	
Pension Bill	878.70	40,134.70
Total Pensions		40,134.70

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

LIGHT DEPARTMENT:		
Salaries and Wages	57,725.62	
Consumer Deposits	1,740.00	
Consumer Deposits Interest	58.20	
Insurance	2,520.11	
Backhoe Hire	379.92	
Depreciation Fund Deposit	20,995.35	
Office Rental	368.00	
Material and Supplies	243,256.02	327,043.22

WATER DEPARTMENT:		
Salaries and Wages	20,826.81	
Material and Supplies	23,536.87	
Backhoe Hire	1,092.06	
Machinery Revolving Fund	775.00	
Police Revolving Fund	175.63	46,406.37
Purchase Power Mo	2,413.00	
Water Mains Rt. 110	3,200.85	
Water Mains Private Property	1,506.00	
Elec. Work at Pump. Station	1,000.00	
Bond Anticipation Note	12,524.25	20,644.10
Light Commissioners Salary	300.00	
Water Commissioners Salary	300.00	600.00
Total Public Service Enterprises		394,693.69

CEMETERIES

CEMETERIES:		
Salary and Wages	10,826.44	
Gas and Oil	415.70	
Repairs	552.84	
Equipment and Supplies	1,378.51	
Gravel, Loam, Etc.	1,430.30	
All Other	127.71	
Bulldozer	814.00	
Backhoe Hire	179.50	15,725.00
INCOME TRUST FUNDS:		
Salary and Wages	1,063.88	
Repairs	36.10	1,099.98
Total Cemeteries		16,824.98

MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST

MATURING DEBTS:		
School Addition - Elementary	5,000.00	

Red Oak School	45,000.00	
Fire Truck	4,000.00	
Water Meters	4,000.00	58,000.00
INTEREST:		
School Addition	462.50	
Red Oak School	21,630.00	
Fire Truck	165.60	
Water Meters	390.00	22,648.10
Total Maturing Debt and Interest		80,648.10

OTHER PAYMENTS

Essex County Taxes	29,462.63	
State Parks & Rec. Areas	9,189.69	
State Audit	15.93	
Air Pollution Control	95.89	
Mosquito Control	4,226.29	
State Assessment System	131.36	
Excise Bills	391.95	
Fed. Withholding Tax	66,544.27	
State Withholding Tax	20,296.49	
Right of Way Easement	1.00	
Cemetery Land Purchase	1,000.00	
Dog Fees (Licenses)	1,138.95	
Sales Tax	49.26	
Stabilization Fund	5,000.00	
Serial Loan	65,000.00	
Serial Loan Interest	812.14	
Revenue Loan Interest	11,579.37	
Trust Funds in Transit	4,666.31	
Refunds from Taxes	8,727.69	
Total Other Payments		858,329.22
Total Payments for Year 1973		3,330,666.10
Cash Balance Dec. 31, 1973		297,499.31
		3,628,165.41

SPECIAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

New Police Cruiser	4,035.00	
New Highway Truck	13,965.52	
Brox Building Renovation	16,985.61	
Certificates of Deposits	31,351.18	
Estimated Other Payments	33,475.87	
Total Revenue Sharing Funds		99,813.18
Cash Balance Dec. 31, 1973		40,908.31
		140,721.49

TABLE OF ACCOUNTS

	Balance 1/1/73	Approp.	Trans. In	Trans. Out	Ref. & Rec.	Total	Payt. to 1/1/74	Est. Payt. to 6/30/74	Balance 6/30/74
Moderator		18.00				18.00	12.00	6.00	
Finance Board Expense		750.00				750.00	411.30	338.70	
Selectmen - Salaries		2,700.00				2,700.00	1,763.64	936.36	
Clerk Assistance		3,324.00				3,324.00	2,865.10	458.90	
Expense		1,500.00				1,500.00	1,114.74	385.26	
Accountant - Salary		11,724.00				11,724.00	6,752.40	4,320.00	651.60
Clerk Assistance		650.00				650.00	–0–	650.00	
Expense		150.00				150.00	139.75	10.25	
Treasurer - Salary		1,800.00				1,800.00	1,200.00	600.00	
Clerk Assistance		600.00				600.00	487.03	112.97	
Expense		4,700.00				4,700.00	2,509.50	2,190.50	
Tax Collector - Salary		3,750.00				3,750.00	2,499.96	1,250.04	
Clerk Assistance		700.00				700.00	374.54	325.46	
Expense		3,400.00				3,400.00	1323.35	2,120.45	
Assessors - Salary		2,700.00				2,700.00	1,800.00	900.00	
Clerk Assistance		5,460.00				5,460.00	3,630.42	1,829.58	
Expense		4,410.00				4,410.00	2,727.50	1,682.50	
Legal Counsel - Salary		2,650.00				2,650.00	1,750.00	900.00	
Expense		4.500.00				4,500.00	1,747.59	2,752.41	
Town Clerk - Salary		1,500.00				1,500.00	999.96	500.04	
Expense		826.75				826.75	472.97	353.78	
Registrars - Salaries		600.00				600.00	300.00	300.00	
Expense		515.25				515.25	173.21	342.04	
Census		800.00				800.00	400.00	400.00	
Election Officers -Sal. & Wages		598.00	210.00			808.00	500.00	308.00	

TABLE OF ACCOUNTS (Continued)

	Balance 1/1/73	Approp.	Trans. In	Trans. Out	Ref. & Rec.	Total	Payt. to 1/1/74	Est. Payt. to 6/30/74	Balance 6/30/74
Planning Board Expense		800.00				800.00	62.80	737.20	
Appeals Board Expense		400.00				400.00	128.21	291.79	
Bonding Town Officers		1,256.00				1,256.00	597.00	659.00	
Town Hall - Maintenance		6,550.00				6,550.00	3.393.99	3,156.01	
Janitor Salary		1,260.00				1,260.00	840.00	420.00	
Numbering Houses & Lots		500.00				500.00		500.00	
Police - Salary & Wages		104,275.00				104,275.00	61,456.21	42,818.79	
Expense		19,275.00			727.17	20,002.17	12,973.85	7,028.32	
Fire - Wages		8,700.00				8.700.00	7,266.66	1,433.34	
Expense		7,775.00				7,775.00	3,088.96	4,686.04	
Engineers Salary		1,800.00				1,800.00	1.300.00	500.00	
Forest Fire Wardens		300.00				300.00	199.92	100.08	
Gas Inspector - Salary		525.00				525.00	349.92	175.08	
Expense		168.00				168.00	140.00	28.00	
Wiring Inspector - Salary		525.00				525.00	349.92	175.08	
Expense		75.00				75.00	50.00	25.00	
Oil Burner Inspector - Salary		225.00				225.00	150.00	75.00	
Expense		75.00				75.00	50.00	25.00	
Building Inspector Salary		450.00				450.00	300.00	150.00	
Town Forest		75.00				75.00		75.00	
Tree Warden - Salary		450.00				450.00	300.00	150.00	
Expense		3,750.00			477.12	4,227.12	4,047.03	180.09	
Moth Dept.		1,650.00				1,650.00	1,491.53	158.47	
Dutch Elm		3,000.00				3,000.00	2,873.50	126.50	
New Trees		750.00				750.00	168.00	582.00	

Stump Removal		1,500.00				1,500.00	934.89	565.11	
Dog Officer - Salary		450.00				450.00	300.00	150.00	
Expense		975.00				975.00	598.00	377.00	
Civil Defense	446.96					446.96	147.86	299.10	
Board of Health		2,400.00				2,400.00	778.08	1,621.92	
Health Nurse - Salary		3,000.00				3,000.00	1,800.00	1,200.00	
Expense		300.00				300.00	70.02	229.98	
Plumbing Inspector Salary		450.00				450.00	250.00	200.00	
Sewerage Inspector - Salary		450.00		350.00		100.00	100.00		
Expense		2,000.00	350.00			2,350.00	451.50	1,898.50	
Vital Statistics		360.00				360.00	258.00	102.00	
Animal Inspector - Salary		150.00				150.00	100.00	50.00	
Expense		15.00				15.00	10.00	5.00	
Milk Inspector - Salary		40.00				40.00	30.00	10.00	
Expense		15.00				15.00	10.00	5.00	
Purchase Bulldozer		24,500.00		11,000.00		13,500.00	13,478.00		22.00
Woodchipper			4,600.00			4,600.00	4,000.89		599.11
Carry-All Trailer			2,500.00			2,500.00	2,487.00		13.00
Hire Professional Engineer		1,100.00	3,900.00			5,000.00		5,000.00	
Dump Maintenance Expense		32,250.00				32,250.00	18,637.37	13,612.63	
Salary		8,306.27				8,306.27	5,432.31	2,873.96	
Highway: Thickly Settled		13,500.00				13,500.00	10,915.72	2,584.28	
Road Machinery		4,950.00	3,142.95		6.30	8,099.25	6,289.00	1,810.25	
Chapter 81		9,750.00	13,612.50			23,362.50	11,079.30	12,283.20	
Chapter 90 Const. 1971	13,936.06		10,000.00	10,000.00		13,936.06	3,600.17		10,335.89
Chapter 90 Const. 1972	16,000.00					16,000.00	1,150.22		14,849.78
Chapter 90 Const. 1973		6,000.00	18,000.00			24,000.00	12,212.58	11,787.42	
Chapter 90 Maintenance		3,000.00	750.00			3,750.00	3,295.26	454.74	
Snow & Washouts		50,000.00				50,000.00	27,942.47	22,057.53	
Sidewalks, Rails & Bridges		3,000.00			398.70	3,398.70	2,077.55	1,321.15	
Repairs on Private Ways		3,750.00				3,750.00	3,031.57	718.43	
Resurface Certain Roads		2,000.00				2,000.00	1956.17		43.83

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	Balance 1/1/73	Approp.	Trans. In	Trans. Out	Ref. & Rec.	Total	Payt. to 1/1/74	Est. Payt. to 6/30/74	Balance 6/30/74
Street Lights		13,547.00				13,547.00	9,030.76	4,516.24	
Oil & Resurface Sts.			10,000.00	10,000.00					
Veterans Ser. Off. - Salary		1,424.00				1,424.00	946.20	477.80	
Expense		475.00				475.00	335.75	139.25	
Care Veterans Graves		188.00				188.00	44.50	143.50	
Veterans Benefits	4,524.14	19,139.00				23,663.14	9,011.80	14,651.34	
School		880,278.00		4,003.94	85.72	876,359.78	535,115.31	341,244.47	
School Lunch T.A.		6,890.00				6,890.00	4,032.60	2,857.40	
Vocational School		9,100.00	4,003.94			13,103.94	13,103.94		
Pentucket Reg. Assessment		1,071,345.79				1,071,345.79	803,509.32	267,836.47	
Whittier Vo-Tech Assessment	39,818.38	204,555.00				244,373.38	135,006.00	109,367.38	
Library - Salary & Wages		22,439.00				22,439.00	15,662.10	6,776.90	
Expense		6,080.00			1,591.88	7,671.88	7,212.87	459.01	
Playground		5.075.00				5,075.00	2,220.97	2,854.03	
Supervised Play Salaries		1,380.00				1,380.00	1,380.00		
Indian Head Park Expense		225.00				225.00	119.50	105.50	
Insurance		28,889.02			850.00	29,739.02	18,099.47	11,639.55	
Group Insurance		14,400.00			2,380.84	16,780.84	9,671.27	7,109.57	
Interest - Maturing Debt		32,833.10	1,075.00			33,908.10	22,648.10	11,260.00	
T.A.N.		10,500.00	2,703.65	812.14		12,391.51	12,391.51		
Ambulance Service		300.00	338.40			638.40	479.40	159.00	
Industrial Development Comm.	1,219.15					1,219.15		1,000.00	219.15
Cost of State & Federal Grants	1,000.00					1,000.00			1,000.00
Christmas Parade		450.00				450.00	300.00	150.00	
Memorial Day		900.00				900.00	496.60	403.40	

Rental American Legion Home		1,000.00				1,000.00	500.00	500.00	
Brox Bldg. Renovation Comm.	300.00					300.00			300.00
Conservation Comm. Expense	210.00	375.00				585.00	285.00	300.00	
Merrimac Conservation Fund	4,875.00	2,000.00			268.03	7,143.03			7,143.03
Printing Town Reports		3,000.00				3,000.00	1,391.80	1,608.20	
Pension Bill		878.70				878.70	878.70		
Essex County Retirement		39,256.00				39,256.00	39,256.00		
Merr. Valley Planning Comm.		1,273.50				1,273.50	636.75	636.75	
Lights in Town Buildings		13,803.00				13,803.00	9,201.87	4,601.13	
Water in Town Buildings		891.00				891.00	593.72	297.28	
Renovating Town Hall Auditorium		5,000.00				5,000.00		5,000.00	
Writing Town History		1,500.00				1,500.00		1,500.00	
Purchase B & M Railroad Land		8,700.00				8,700.00		8,700.00	
Merr. Square Beautification		1,000.00				1,000.00	1,000.00		
Town Government Committee		100.00				100.00		100.00	
Dept. Public Works Committee		100.00				100.00		100.00	
Town Beautification Gardens Comm.		600.00				600.00	600.00		
Easement from R. L. Ingraham		1.00				1.00	1.00		
Stabilization Fund		5,000.00				5,000.00	5,000.00		
Reserve Fund		25,000.00		4,364.91		20,635.09		20,635.09	
Light Commissioners Salaries		450.00				450.00	300.00	150.00	
Water Commissioners Salaries		450.00				450.00	300.00	150.00	
Water Dept. - Salaries & Wages		28,630.00				28,630.00	20,826.81	7,803.19	
Expenses		50,570.00	1,299.15			51,869.15	25,579.56	26,289.59	
Clean Water Mains Rt. 110		4,500.00		1,299.15		3,200.85	3,200.85		
Install Valve at Pump. Station		800.00				800.00		800.00	
Repair Roof at Pump. Station		250.00				250.00		250.00	
Flushing Water Mains		4,000.00				4,000.00		4,000.00	
Replace 1½" Water Mains		1,506.00				1,506.00	1,506.00		
Purchase Power Mo		2,413.00				2,413.00	2,413.00		
Electrical Work at Pump. Station		1,000.00				1,000.00	1,000.00		
Cemetery Dept. - Wages		14,225.00				14,225.00	14,225.00		

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	Balance 1/1/73	Approp.	Trans. In	Trans. Out	Ref. & Rec.	Total	Payt. to 1/1/74	Est. Payt. to 6/30/74	Balance 6/30/74
Expense		1,500.00				1,500.00	1,500.00		
Land Purchase		1,000.00				1,000.00	1,000.00		
Maturing Debts - Fire Truck		4,000.00				4,000.00	4,000.00		
Water Meters		4,000.00				4,000.00	4,000.00		
Red Oak School		45,000.00				45,000.00	45,000.00		
Elementary School		10,000.00				10,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
OTHER PAYMENTS NOT APPROPRIATED									
Personal 1973					23.76	23.76	23.76		
1972					39.75	39.75	39.75		
Real 1973					3,671.64	3,671.64	3,671.64		
1972					103.24	103.24	103.24		
1971					1.15	1.15	1.15		
Excise 1973					2,623.46	2,623.46	2,623.46		
1972					2,232.74	2,232.74	2,232.74		
1971					13.20	13.20	13.20		
Farm Animal Excise 1973					18.75	18.75	18.75		
State Parks & Reservations	1,226.60			1,226.60	10,533.08	10,533.08	9,189.69		1,343.39
State Assessment System					131.36	131.36	131.36		
Motor Vehicle Excise Bills					391.95	391.95	391.95		
Essex Cty. Mosquito Control	-287.68				4,568.18	4,280.50	4,226.29		54.21
County Taxes	-1,440.04				45,341.88	43,901.84	29,462.63	14,439.21	
State Audit					15.93	15.93	15.93		
Merr. Valley Air Pollution Control	.63			.63	128.40	128.40	95.89		32.51

Elderly Retiree Program	161.29			161.29					
Federal Withholding Tax					66,544.27	66,544.27	66,544.27		
State Withholding Tax					20,296.49	20,296.49	20,296.49		
Consumer Depostis	1,970.00				2,395.00	4,365.00	1,740.00	1,000.00	1,625.00
Sales Tax					63.38	63.38	49.26	14.12	
Dog Fees	665.05				801.05	1,466.10	1,138.95	327.15	
Trust Funds in Transit					4,777.11	4,777.11	4,666.31	110.80	
Income Library Trust Funds	1,443.79		12,100.00			13,543.79	11,975.05	1,568.74	
Income Cemetery Trust Funds	970.83				5,252.75	6,223.58	1,099.98	5,123.60	
Sch. Lunch - Revolving Account	10,879.72				44,839.42	55,719.14	47,105.30	8,613.84	
Brox Building Renovation Loan					65,000.00	65,000.00	65,000.00		
Revenue Loan					630,000.00	630,000.00	630,000.00		
Special Police Revolving Fund					6,682.20	6,682.20	6,527.73	154.47	
Special Purchase Police Dept.			200.00			200.00	200.00		
Used Pickup Truck - Highway Dept.			650.00			650.00	475.00		175.00
School P.L. 874	3,262.97					3,262.97	3,004.38	258.59	
School P.L. 89-10 Title 1					89.00	89.00		89.00	
School P.L. 89-10 Title 2	3.59				2,957.86	2,961.45	2,933.75	28.70	
School P.L. 90-576 Title 1					15,928.00	15,928.00	15,928.00		
Red Oak School Building	1,390.01			590.01		800.00	800.00		
Red Oak Sch. Bldg. Comm. Expense	140.93			140.93					
A. P. Wadleigh Library Award					50.00	50.00	50.00		
Interest Consumer Deposits	906.76				215.75	1,122.51	58.20	64.31	1,000.00
Kimball Park	96.71					96.71	93.31		3.40
Light Dept.	19,441.92			25,000.00	375,743.01	370,184.93	325,245.02	44,939.91	
Water Bond Anticipation Note					15,023.00	15,023.00	12,524.25		2,498.75
	123,162.77	3,013.331.38	89,435.59	68,949.60	1,333,282.52	4,490,262.66	3,330,666.10	1,117,686.91	41,909.65

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SPECIAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS									
New Police Cruiser		4,700.00				4,700.00	4,035.00	665.00	
Brox Building Renovation		48,762.00				48,762.00	16,985.61	31,776.39	
New Highway Truck		15,000.00				15,000.00	13,965.52		1,034.48
Certificates of Deposits					31,351.18	31,351.18	31,351.18		
		68,462.00			31,351.18	99,813.18	66,337.31	32,441.39	1,034.48

RECAPITULATION OF ACCOUNTS

Account Balance Jan. 1, 1973	123,162.77
	3,013,331.38
	1,333,282.52
	4,469,776.67

TRANSFERRED TO ACCOUNTS:		FROM ACCOUNTS:
Election Officers Ex.	210.00	Reserve Fund
Sewerage Inspector Ex.	350.00	Sewerage Insp. Sal.
Purchase Woodchipper	4,600.00	Purchase Bulldozer
Carry-All Trailer	2,500.00	Purchase Bulldozer
Hire Professional Engineer	3,990.00	Purchase Bulldozer
Road Machinery	3,142.95	Surplus Revenue
Chapter 81	13,612.50	Surplus Revenue
Chapter 90 Const. 1971	10,000.00	Oiling Streets
Chapter 90 Const. 1973	18,000.00	Surplus Revenue
Chapter 90 Maintenance	750.00	Surplus Revenue
Oiling Streets	10,000.00	Ch. 90 Const. 1971
Vocational School	4,003.94	School
Interest - Maturing Debt	812.14	Interest - T.A.N.
Maturing Debt	262.86	Reserve Fund
Interest T.A.N.	2,703.65	Reserve Fund

RECAPITULATION OF ACCOUNTS (Cont.)

Ambulance Service	338.40		Reserve Fund
Water Dept. Ex.	1,299.15		Water Mains Rt. 110
Income Library Trust Funds	12,100.00		T. Hoyt Lib. Trust Funds
Special Purchase Police Dept.	200.00		Reserve Fund
Used Pickup Truck - Highway Dept.	650.00		Reserve Fund
		89,435.59	
		4,559.212.26	

TRANSFERRED FROM ACCOUNTS:		TO ACCOUNTS:
Sewerage Inspector Salary	350.00	Sewerage Insp. Ex.
Purchase Bulldozer	4,600.00	Purchase Woodchipper
Purchase Bulldozer	2,500.00	Purchase Carry-All Trailer
Purchase Bulldozer	3,900.00	Hire Professional Eng.
Ch. 90 Const. 1971	10,000.00	Oiling Streets
Oiling Streets	10,000.00	Ch. 90 Const. 1971
School	4,003.94	Vocational School
Interest T.A.N.	812.14	Int. - Maturing Debt
Reserve Fund	4,364.91	Various Above Accts.
Clean Water Mains - Rt. 110	1,299.15	Water Dept.
State Parks & Reservations	1,226.60	Revenue
Merr. Valley Air Pollution	.63	Revenue
Elderly Retiree Program	161.29	Revenue

Red Oak School Building	590.01		Surplus Revenue
Red Oak School Bldg. Comm.	140.93		Surplus Revenue
Light Dept.	25,000.00		Revenue
		-68,949.60	
		4,490,262.66	
Account Balances Dec. 31, 1973		-41,909.65	
		4,448,353.01	

	Balance Jan. 1, 1973	Added	Interest	Withdrawn	Balance Dec. 31, 1973
LIGHT DEPRECIATION FUND					
Merrimac Savings Bank	65,221.85	20,995.39	3,250.89	21,084.50	68,383.63
Economy Co-Op Bank (P.S.)	16,000.00				16,000.00
Economy Co-Op Bank (Savings)	4,772.68		1,443.03		6,215.71
	85,994.53	20,995.39	4,693.92	21,084.50	90,599.34

TRUST FUNDS

POST WAR REHABILITATION FUND					
Merrimac Saving Bank	1,268.50		67.91		1,336.41
STABILIZATION FUND					
Merrimac Savings Bank	5,555.48		243.62	5,000.00	799.10
Economy Co-Op Bank	21,037.32	5,000.00	1,116.21	19,500.00	7,653.53
	26,592.80	5,000.00	1,359.83	24,500.00	8,452.63
SCHOOL RENOVATIONS BUILDING FUND					
Merrimac Savings Bank	89.99		4.79		94.78
KIMBALL PARK TRUST FUNDS					
Merrimac Savings Bank	4,885.85		261.55		5,147.40

LIBRARY FUNDS					
Merrimac Savings Bank:					
Various Trust Funds	3,581.88		191.60		3,773.48
Francis Hanley Trust	640.36		34.26		674.62
Sarah Leavitt Trust	372.97		19.92		392.89
Albert Wadleigh Trust	2,197.03		121.91	50.00	2,268.94
Thomas Hoyt Trust	19,045.47		481.18	12,100.00	7,426.65
Economy Co-Op Bank:					
Thomas Hoyt Trust	9,502.41		530.36		10,032.77
	35,340.12		1,379.23	12,150.00	24,569.35
CEMETERY FUNDS					
Merrimac Savings Bank:					
Care Harry Robinson Lot	1,500.00		98.45	98.45	1,500.00
Various Trust Funds:					
Merrimac Savings Bank	57,521.87		3,196.88	3,196.88	57,521.87
Economy Co-Op Bank:	28,498.75		2,055.87	2,055.87	31,598.15
James B. Mullen, Jr.		200.00			
Barbara N. Adams		100.00			
Robert L. Eckert		200.00			
George P. Hardie		100.00			
Wilfred G. Soukneay		200.00			
Amelia Oxley		100.00			
Hugh Sutherland		200.00			

	Balance Jan. 1, 1973	Added	Interest	Withdrawn	Balance Dec. 31, 1973
C. & M. Turner		100.00			
Robert and Shirley Jones		300.00			
William Vigneault		100.00			
Carl and Dorothy Olson		700.00			
W. and M. Eaton		100.00			
Bernard and Marion Bickum		200.00			
Rita Chevenert		100.00			
J. and P. Young		100.00			
George E. Nicoll		200.00			
Richard and Grace Amazeen		100.00			
	86,020.62	3,100.00	5,252.75	5,252.75	89,120.62

RECAP OF TRUST FUNDS

Cash in Custody of Treasurer:	155,697.88		
		Post War Funds	1,336.41
		Stabilization Fund	8,452.63
		School Renovation Funds	94.78
		Kimball Park Funds	5,147.40
		Library Funds	24,569.35
		Care H. Robinson Lot	1,500.00
		Cemetery Trust Funds	89,120.62
			130,221.19

FINAL TRIAL BALANCE

1973

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash Balance	$297,499.31	Revenue Funds - P.L. 92-512	$40,908.31
Special Cash Revenue Sharing Funds	74,384.18	Acc. Rec. Cemeteries	9.00
Cash Light Depreciation Fund	90,599.34	Acc. Rec. Light Gen. Service	17,093.02
Petty Cash Town Office	10.00	State Parks & Reservations	1,343.39
Petty Cash Tax Collector	25.00	Essex Cty. Mosquito Control	54.21
Petty Cash Light & Water	125.00	Essex County Taxes	14,439.21
Personal 1973	3,087.13	Air Pollution Control	32.51
Personal 1972	1,242.25	Indian Head Park Fees	276.00
Personal 1971	316.37	Consumer Deposits	2,625.00
Real 1973	86,523.34	Sales Tax	14.12
Real 1972	12,604.84	Water Meter Fund	11,117.50
Excise 1973	24,847.37	Dog Fees	327.15
Excise 1972	11,088.56	Tailings	230.90
Excise 1971	3,425.68	Trust Funds in Transit	110.80
Excise 1970	602.81	Income Lib. Trust Funds	1,568.74
Farm Animal Excise 1973	7.50	Income Cemetery Trust Funds	5,123.60
Farm Excise 1972	7.00	School Lunch	8,613.84
Tax Titles	12,799.32	Sale of Cemetery Lots	1,275.00
Tax Possessions	6,959.75	Loans Authorized but Unissued	480,000.00

FINAL TRIAL BALANCE (Continued)

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Taxes in Litigation	3,853.89	Overlay Surplus	16,192.30
Acc. Rec. Veterans Benefits	1,362.27	Overlay 1971	8,977.42
Acc. Rec. Light - Light	24,550.14	Overlay 1972	2,525.48
Acc. Rec. Light - Misc.	1,002.72	Overlay 1973	22,779.75
Acc. Rec. Water Rates	5,153.83	Excise Revenue	39,964.42
Acc. Rec. Water Misc.	1,038.42	Farm Animal Excise Revenue	14.50
Acc. Rec. Water Meter Rentals	116.50	Special Tax Revenue	3,853.89
Acc. Rec. Water Liens 1973	459.86	Tax Title Revenue	19,739.07
Acc. Rec. Water Liens 1972	27.00	Departmental Revenue	1,353.27
Acc. Rec. St. Aid Ch. 81	9,228.14	Light Revenue	8,459.84
Acc. Rec. St. Aid Ch. 90 Maint.	14.47	Water Revenue	6,795.61
Acc. Rec. St. Aid Ch. 90 Const.	2,968.03	St. & Cty. Aid to Hgwy. Revenue	19,694.66
Acc. Rec. Cty. Aid Ch. 90 Const.	7,484.02	Reserve for Petty Cash Advance	160.00
Loans Authorized	480,000.00	Surplus Revenue	115,690.15
Estimated Receipts	339,584.59	Moderator	6.00
Revenue	608,570.03	Finance Board Expense	338.70
		Selectmen Salary	936.36
		Selectmen Expense	884.16
		Accountant Salary	4,971.60
		Accountant Expense	660.25
		Treasurer Salary	600.00

Treasurer Expense	2,303.47
Tax Title Possessions	140.00
Tax Collector Salary	1,250.04
Tax Collector Expense	2,445.91
Assessors Salary	900.00
Assessors Expense	3,512.08
Legal Suits & Expense	3,652.41
Town Clerk Salary	508.04
Town Clerk Expense	353.78
Registrars Salary	300.00
Registrars Expense	742.04
Election Officer Expense	308.00
Planning Board Expense	737.20
Appeals Board Expense	271.79
Bonding Town Officers	659.00
Town Hall Janitor Salary	420.00
Town Hall Maintenance	3,156.01
Numbering Houses & Lots	500.00
Police Department	49,847.11
Police Revolving Fund	2,224.47
Fire Department	6,119.38
Fire Engineers Salary	500.00
Forest Fire Wardens	100.08
Gas Inspector Salary & Expense	203.08

FINAL TRIAL BALANCE (Continued)

ASSETS	LIABILITIES	
	Wiring Inspector Salary & Expense	200.08
	Building Inspector Salary	150.00
	Oil Burner Insp. Salary & Expense	100.00
	Town Forest	75.00
	Tree Warden Salary	150.00
	Tree Warden Expense	180.09
	Moth Department	158.47
	Dutch Elm	126.50
	New Trees	582.00
	Stump Removal	565.11
	Dog Officer Salary	150.00
	Dog Officer Expense	377.00
	Civil Defense	299.10
	New Police Cruiser (Special Cash)	665.00
	Board of Health	1,621.92
	Health Nurse Salary	1,200.00
	Health Nurse Expense	229.98
	Plumbing Inspector Salary	200.00
	Sewerage Inspector Expense	1,898.50
	Vital Statistics	102.00
	Animal Inspector Salary & Expense	55.00

Milk Inspector Salary & Expense	15.00
Purchase Bulldozer	22.00
Purchase Woodchipper	599.11
Purchase Carry-all Trailer	13.00
Hire Professional Engineer	5,000.00
Dump Maintenance Expense	13,612.63
Dump Maintenance Salary	2,873.96
Thickly Settled	2,584.28
Road Machinery Maintenance	1,810.25
Chapter 81	12,283.20
Chapter 90 Const. 1971	10,335.89
Chapter 90 Const. 1972	14,849.78
Chapter 90 Const. 1973	11,787.42
Chapter 90 Maintenance	454.74
Snow and Washouts	22,057.53
Sidewalks, Rails and Bridges	1,321.15
Repairs on Private Ways	718.43
Resurface Donaghue Sch. & Pump. Sta. Rds.	43.83
Reserve Revolving Machinery Account	2,408.17
Purchase Used Pickup Truck	175.00
Street Lights	4,516.24
Brox Building Renovation (Special Cash)	31,776.39
Purchase New Hgwy. Truck (Special Cash)	1,034.48
Veterans Service Officer Salary	477.80
Veterans Service Officer Expense	139.25

FINAL TRIAL BALANCE (Continued)

ASSETS

LIABILITIES

Care of Veterans Graves	143.50
Veterans Benefits	14,651.34
School	341,244.47
School Lunch T A	2,857.40
P.L. 874	258.59
P.L. 89 - 10 Title 1	89.00
P.L. 89 - 10 Title 2	28.70
Pentucket Regional Assessment	267,836.47
Whittier Reg. Vocational School Assessment	109.367.38
Library	7,235.91
Playground	2,854.03
Indian Head Park Expense	105.50
Insurance	11,639.55
Group Insurance	7,109.57
Interest Maturing Debt	11,260.00
Interest Consumer Deposits	1,064.31
Tax Title Property Repair & Expense	75.00
Ambulance Service	159.00
Industrial Development Commission	1,219.15
Cost of State & Federal Grants	1,000.00
Kimball Park	3.40

Christmas Parade	150.00
Memorial Day	403.40
Rental American Legion Quarters	500.00
Brox Bldg. Ren. Committee	300.00
Conservation Commission Expense	300.00
Merrimac Conservation Fund	7,143.03
Printing Town Reports	1,608.20
Merrimac Valley Planning Commission	636.75
Light in Town Buildings	4,601.13
Water in Town Buildings	297.28
Renovation Town Hall Auditorium	5,000.00
Writing Town History	1,500.00
Historical Commission Expense	1,500.00
Purchase B. & M. Railroad Land	8,700.00
Town Government Committee Expense	100.00
Dept. of Public Works Committee	100.00
Reserve Fund	20,635.09
Light Depreciation Fund	90,599.34
Light Department	44,939.91
Light & Water Commissioners Salaries	300.00
Water Department	34,092.78
Bond Anticipation Note (Water Dept.)	2,498.75
Install Valve at Pump. Station	800.00
Repair Roof at Pump Sta.	250.00

FINAL TRIAL BALANCE (Continued)

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
		Flushing Water Mains	4,000.00
		Care, Imp., Emb. of Cemeteries	3,874.14
		Care H. Robinson Lot	655.69
		Maturing Debt Loans	5,000.00
	$2,111.548.66		$2,111.548.66

Respectfully submitted,

GERTRUDE C. MacKENZIE
Town Accountant

WARRANT
for
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Essex, ss.

To, Donald J. Montigny, one of the Constables of the Town of Merrimac:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of MERRIMAC to meet in RED OAK SCHOOL in Merrimac on

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1973

at 8:00 o'clock in the evening to act on the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, G.L.'s as amended: Moderator, Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Tree Warden, three Commissioners of Municipal Light, three Water Commissioners, and raise and appropriate sums of money therefore, and to determine sums of money to be raised to defray the necessary and usual charges and expenses of the Town for the year 1973 and make appropriations for same said sums of money so raised and appropriated to be expended for specific purposes to be voted. (VOTED)

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow in anticipation of the revenue for the eighteen month period beginning January 1, 1973 in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and acts in amendment thereof, and including in addition thereto, Chapter 849 of the Acts of 1969, as amended, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17. (VOTED)

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and their successors in office to sell, until the 1974 Annual Town Meeting, at public sale advertised once in a local newspaper at

least 7 days prior to sale any of the property which the Town may have acquired or may hereafter acquire through proceedings based upon non-payment of taxes or under proceedings for the sale of lands of low value, to impose upon the property so sold such restrictions, reservations or conditions as shall be deemed expedient, and to execute and deliver in the name and under the seal of the Town quit-claim deeds or other instruments therefore; or take any action relative thereto. (VOTED)

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to use a sum of money from available balances and from "FREE CASH" in the treasury toward the reduction of the 1973 tax rate; or take any action relative thereto. (VOTED)

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the maintenance of road machinery to keep road machinery in operation; or take any action relative thereto.
R & A $4,950 trans. from surplus revenue $3,142.95.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended on highway work on thickly settled streets; or take any action relative thereto.
R & A $13,500.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, or borrow a sum of money for Chapter 81 highway construction and maintenance; or take any action relative thereto.
R & A $9,750 trans. from surplus revenue $13,612.50.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, or borrow a sum of money for Chapter 90 highway construction; or take any action relative thereto.
R & A $6,000 trans. surplus revenue $18,000.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, or borrow a sum of money for Chapter 90 maintenance; or take any action relative thereto.
R & A $3,000 trans $750 surplus revenue.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the sale of cemetery lots, such sum or part thereof, to be expended under the direction of the Cemetery Trustees for the

"Care, Improvement and Embellishment" of said cemeteries, according to Section 14, and Section 25 of Chapter 114, G.L.'s; or take any action relative thereto. (APP. $1,100)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from Electric Light Operating balance, said money to be used by the Assessors with the estimated receipts to fix the tax rate for the year 1973; or take any action relative thereto. (App. $25,000)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to approve the transfer of dog license fees collected in 1972 to the Merrimac Public Library as provided in Chapter 140, Section 172 of the G.L.'s; or take any action relative thereto. (VOTED)

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to accept benefits provided under Chapter 760, Acts of 1960 entitled "An act providing State aid for free public libraries"; or take any action relative thereto. (VOTED)

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to hire themselves to perform duties outside of office pertaining to assessing procedure and to set the rate of pay for such employment at $2.50 per hour; or take any action relative thereto. (VOTED)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tree Warden to employ himself to perform labor or render services to the tree department and to establish the rate of compensation for such labor or services at $2.00 per hour; or take any action relative thereto. (VOTED)

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to resurface the road around the Helen R. Donaghue School and the road into the pumping station located on East Main Street; or take any action relative thereto. (R & A $2,000)

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to hear the report of the "Brox Renovation Committee"; or take any action relative thereto. (VOTED)

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to name a committee of seven (7) members to be known as the "Brox Building Renovation Committee"; or take any action relative thereto. (VOTED)

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from

revenue sharing funds a sum of money to be used to start remodeling and renovating the "Brox" building as follows:

(a) To refinish the front of the building

(b) move an existing front door to the rear of the building to enable the highway department to enter the building from the rear

(c) make necessary repairs to the roof; or take any action relative thereto. (Trans. from revenue sharing $48,762.00)

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to clean approximately 2,400 feet of ten inch water main, and approximately 3,000 feet of 12 inch main and approximately 4,050 feet of six inch main from Prospect Hill running westerly on Route No. 110 to Merrimac and Haverhill line; or take any action relative thereto. (R & A $4,500)

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to purchase from Ruth L. Ingraham an easement and right of way running from West Main Street, Merrimac, Massachusetts to the town of Merrimac water standpipe for the purpose of ingress and egress, and appropriate the sum of one dollar ($1.00) to defray the cost thereof; or take any action realtive thereto. (VOTED)

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to install a check valve and butterfly valve at the pumping station; this would provide more positive discharge control for the No. 1 water pump; or take any action relative thereto. (R & A $800)

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to repair the roof of the stockroom at the pumping station; or take any action relative thereto. (R & A $250)

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended on flushing water mains; or take any action relative thereto. (R & A $4,000)

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to replace 1½ inch water main on private property with approximately 650 feet of 8 inch transite pipe, hydrant, valves and accessories; or take any action relative thereto. (R & A $1,506)

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and

appropriate a sum of money to purchase a power mo complete with 100' rods to jack and pull up to 3" diameter; or take any action relative thereto. (R & A $2,413)

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for electrical work at the pumping station. This work would include improvement of the controls on the vacuum pumps and additional protection of the electrical and telemetering equipment; or take any action relative thereto. (R & A $1,000)

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a storage standpipe and buildings for a pumping station, including original pumping station equipment, for acquiring by purchase, eminent domain or otherwise any land or any interest in land necessary in connection with the foregoing, for laying and relaying water mains of not less than six inches in diameter and for new wells, to determine whether such appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or take any action relative thereto.
(APP. $320,000)

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Stabilization Fund a sum of money to purchase a bulldozer for the town dump; or take any action relative thereto. (VOTED $24,500)

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Revenue Sharing Funds a sum of money for the purchase of a police cruiser; or take any other action relative thereto. (VOTED $4,700)

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 344 of the Acts of 1970 entitled, "An act establishing a revolving fund in certain cities and towns for the payment of police officers for off duty work details"; or take any other action relative thereto. (VOTED)

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote

(a) To purchase a certain parcel of land containing 20,680 square feet, more or less, located on the Locust Grove Cemetery service road and being show as Parcel "A" on a plan entitled, "Plan of Land in Merrimac abutting Locust Grove Cemetery and owned by Robert A. and Patricia A. Barrett dated December 1972", for cemetery purposes;

(b) To raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the

purchase price, surveying expenses and other costs of this acquisition;

(c) Authorize the Board of Selectmen to do anything which may be necessary or useful in connection with the foregoing; or

(d) To take any other action relative thereto. (VOTED)

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will amend the Merrimac zoning by-laws by adding to "Section IX - Light Industrial District Uses" the following;

"5. Any lawful municipal, religious, educational and non-profit recreational purpose," or take any other action relative thereto. (VOTED)

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Merrimac zoning by-laws as follows:

1. By deleting paragraph four of Section VII referring to apartment houses in the commercial district, and

2. By deleting the first sentence in the paragraph entitled number nine of Section XXI which presently reads as follows: "To permit construction of apartment houses in Residential and Commercial areas only," and substituting therefore the following: "To permit construction of apartment houses in the residential district only,"; or take any other action relative thereto. (VOTED)

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Merrimac zoning by-laws as follows:

1. By deleting paragraph two of Section VI and substituting therefore the following:

"2. Lot Area. No building except those allowed in Section 5 and its accessory building may be erected on a lot. Each lot shall have not less than 200 feet frontage on a street or way and an area of not less than 80,000 square feet, provided that one dwelling may be erected on a lot having lesser dimension if petitioner can show by recorded deed or plan that said lot existed at the time this by-law was adopted,"; or take any other action relative thereto. (NOT VOTED)

ARTICLE 36. On petition of George F. Mahoney and others, to see if the Town will vote to accept and endorse for Merrimac, the Master Plan as completed by the Planning Board dated, February 1964, and adopt as the Town's official map that map illustrated in this Master Plan on page 89 (Map VIII-1) entitled "Existing Street Classification"; or take any action relative thereto. (NOT VOTED)

ARTICLE 37. On petition of George F. Mahoney and others, to see if the Town will acknowledge the acceptance as public ways of all streets and ways in existence at the time zoning laws became effective in Merrimac, providing these streets and ways were recorded at the Registry of Deeds at Salem, Massachusett; at the Town Clerk's office - were in use and available to the public, and were taxed as having road frontage by the Town assessors; or take any action relative thereto. (NOT VOTED)

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of renovating and restoring the auditorium part of the town hall, or take any other action relative thereto. (R & A $5,000)

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to devote and limit the use of the auditorium part of the town hall exclusively for museum purposes and other purposes connected with the centennial celebration until January 1, 1977; or take any other action relative thereto. (VOTED)

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the expenses of the Historical Commission; or take any other action relative thereto. (R & A $1,500)

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be expended by the Selectmen for the purpose of procuring the writing of a town history; or take any other action relative thereto. (R & A $1,500)

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be paid to the Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School District, after acceptance of the Town as a member of the district, as its share of debt service and

operating costs for the year 1973 and a portion of 1974; or take any action relative thereto. (R & A $204,555)

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee of five (5) members to investigate the feasibility of increasing the number of members of the Board of Selectmen, adopting a town manager form of government, appointing an executive secretary to the Board of Selectmen, or otherwise changing the form of government of the Town of Merrimac, said committee to report to the town meeting not later than the next annual town meeting; or take any other action relative thereto. (VOTED)

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee of seven (7) members to be known as the Department of Public Works Committee for the purpose of studying the feasibility of establishing a department of public works in the town; or take any other action relative thereto. (VOTED)

ARTICLE 45. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee of five (5) members to be known as the, "Town Beautification Committee" to develop plans and make recommendations concerning the beautification of the town and to engage in projects to beautify the town; or take any action relative thereto. (VOTED)

ARTICLE 46. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be expended by the Town Beautification Committee for the purpose of establishing and maintaining roadside gardens throughout the town; or take any other action relative thereto. (R & A $600)

ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be expended by the Town Beautification Committee for the purpose of developing plans to beautify Merrimac Square and vicinity and to authorize the Town Beautification Committee and Board of Selectmen to apply for and receive any State, Federal or other assistance which may be necessary or useful in connection with the foregoing, or take any other action relative thereto. (R & A $1,000)

ARTICLE 48. On petition of William P. McCarron and others, to see if the Town will vote to discontinue appropriating money for Essex

County Mosquito Control; or take any action relative thereto. (VOTED)

ARTICLE 49. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be added to the Conservation Fund, according to the provisions of G.L.'s, Chapter 40, Section 5, (51); or take any action relative thereto. (R & A $2,000)

ARTICLE 50. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to purchase, in fee, for conservation purposes, from the Boston and Maine Railroad, a certain parcel of land approximately 80 feet wide commencing at the Massachusetts/New Hampshire border and running a distance of approximately 2 miles to land now or formerly of Edgemont Manufacturing Company, being shown on a plan entitled, "Right of way and tract map, Boston and Maine Railroad operated by the Boston and Maine Railroad, scale 1" – 100' June 30, 1914, Office of Valuation Engineer, Boston, Massachusetts, sheets 4, 5, and 6;" (b) that a sum of money be raised and appropriated and a sum of money be transferred from the conservation fund to defray the cost and expenses of said purchase; (c) that the conservation commission be authorized to apply for and receive any State or Federal assistance which may be necessary or useful in connection with the foregoing; or take any action relative thereto. (R & A $870)

ARTICLE 51. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Merrimac Zoning By-Laws by deleting Section XV, referring to stripping of Topsoil, and substituting therefore the following:

"SECTION XV, EARTH REMOVAL"

A. The Conservation Commission shall serve as advisors to the Board of Selectmen in matters pertaining to earth removal. Earth is defined as being soil, loam, sand, gravel or stone, in whole or in combination, and is hereinafter referred to as material.

B. No person, persons, proprietorships, partnerships, or corporations or their attorneys, heirs or assigns hereinafter referrred to as person(s) or applicant(s) shall remove material from land not in public use in Merrimac without a written permit issued by the Zoning Appeals Board, hereinafter called the Board, after a public hearing. If such permit is granted, it shall be non-transferable and non-assignable.

This zoning law shall not prohibit the removal of such material as may be excavated solely for the purpose of construction of foundations for buildings and other allowable structures for which plans showing the limits of subsurface construction and excavation have been filed and building permits have been issued, or for the purpose of constructing ways, utilities, services or other engineering works in accordance with lines and grades shown on plans submitted to and approved by Town officials and Boards having jurisdiction. This law shall not apply to the transference of material from one part of a duly registered lot, tract or parcel of land if the excavated area is less than 10,000 square feet. This law shall apply to the removal of material in connection with the future issuance of a building permit or where any amount of material in excess of that required soley for foundations and utility work, as defined on duly filed plans, will be removed concurrent with construction or at a later date from the Town.

C. The Board shall hold a public hearing prior to the issuance of a permit. Before the public hearing, the applicant shall file with the Board an application for permit, and a reproducible plan or plans, drawn on linen, such application and plan(s) including at least the following information which shall be a matter of public record and be available at the public hearing for such permit:

1. The legal name and address of the applicant (owner) of the property involved. Corporations or partnerships shall file with the Board a list of their officers and designate their authority to sign legal documents.

2. All boundaries of property where material is to be removed with the boundaries of removal areas shown in detail.

3. All buildings on and within 600 feet of said property including buildings across private or public ways.

4. All internal roads and roads within 100 feet of said property with their elevations and established grades.

5. All waterways, brooks, swamps, and other water bodies on or within 100 feet of said property with their elevations, boundaries and presently defined courses.

6. The height of the water table at its highest springtime elevation.

7. Contour lines for the entire property at five foot intervals showing existing surface elevations and proposed elevations for the excavated earth prior to reloaming at the completion of operations.

8. Any and all easements, existing and proposed, public or private.

9. Any and all established bench marks on or within 100 feet of said property.

10. All land to be operated on, divided into square grids 400 feet on each side unless the property involved is less than such grid area and in such case, the grid shall constitute the lesser area.

11. A listing of routes within the town to be used by all vehicles that will be directly involved with proposed earth removal operations.

The above mentioned plan shall be drawn by a registered land surveyor, licensed to practice in Massachusetts, to a scale of 1 inch equals 40 feet for areas up to 20 acres, and a scale of 1 inch equals 80 feet for larger areas. In addition, a plan shall be provided which will show the relationship of said property to easily identifiable landmarks. The Board after study may make such corrections and revisions in conjunction with the applicant prior to the public hearing as it deems advisable in the public interest. Notice of the public hearing shall be given to abutters as they appear on the most recent tax list, to the Selectmen, Planning Board, the Conservation Commission, and to such other persons or Town Boards as the Board shall prescribe, including owners of property within 600 feet of property of the applicant including those located across public and private ways. All such notices shall be sent via certified mail with return receipt requested, and the notice shall be posted and/or advertised in a newspaper with general circulation in Merrimac in accordance with prescribed laws. At the hearing, any party whether entitled to notice thereof or not may appear in person. The Board shall issue appropriate regulations for conducting such meetings.

The Chairman may administer oaths. The applicant shall pay a $25 filing fee and pay such expenses for consultants or other services as the Board may require in connection with the petition. This filing fee to be used in defraying costs in connection with the permit and its subsequent regulation, of which $15 is refundable if the petition is not granted. The Board may require the assistance of any other Town Board, officer or employee in carrying out its functions under this By-Law and require the applicant to bear the costs involved. In issuing the permit, the Board may impose various specifications and restrictions as later set forth, for the adequate protection of the neighborhood and the Town. Any conditions imposed by the Board shall be attached to and made a part of the permit. A copy of the permit shall be sent to the Selectmen, Planning Board, and the Conservation Commission and the permit and the plans shall be a public record.

D. The Board shall consider among other things the following: method of removal, days and time of working, type of machinery to be used, limitation of area for excavation, clearance of brush, elimination of dust, soil erosion, watershed areas, water table protection, drainage, placing and size of culverts, contour grading and conditioning of the land after operations are completed, routes of travel, planting of area to suitable cover, disposition of top soil and re-establishing of ground levels and grades.

In case of soil or loam removal, the recommendations of the appropriate Soil District Supervisor and the County Extention Director or Agent and their successors shall be considered except where the removal of the soil or loam is in the opinion of the Board necessarily incidental to and in connection with the construction of a road or other facility involving a permanent change in the use of the land.

E. In approving any plan for the removal of material, the Board shall consider a written report by the Conservation Commission whether the land is suitable for the removal of said material; and whether the operation will be injurious, noxious, or offensive to a neighborhood for the reason of odor, fumes, dust, smoke, vibration or noise or other cause. The Board shall consider whether steps shall be taken so as not to hinder or endanger traffic on public or private ways, and may require at its discretion that police control

of traffic be provided by the applicant at his expense. The applicant shall provide the Town Counsel a certificate of insurance containing public liability and property damage insurance with standard municipal 'holdharmless' agreement. The amount of insurance is to be determined by the Board and said certificate after approval by Town Counsel is to be filed with the Town Clerk. Operations shall not begin until said insurance is approved.

The Board shall also require "security" in the forms of a proper non-cancellable bond, or deposits of money or negotiable securities on a scale of no less than five hundred dollars per acre, the exact amount to be set by the Board. If a permit is granted by the Board, such "security" will be deposited with the Town Treasurer and approved by the Town Counsel prior to the applicant commencing operations. Said "security" shall be held by the Town until all of the specifications have been complied with.

Bond issued for "security" shall specify restrictions and regulations as contained in the permit.

Upon granting of any permit, the applicant shall agree that free access to areas of operation shall be granted to any Board member or Conservation Commission member during normal hours of operation after a reasonable period of notification, not to exceed 3 days. Upon granting of any permit, the following minimum specifications and requirements shall be imposed and be affixed to all permits:

1. Trees, which are to be removed, shall be cleared (not bulldozed).

2. All cleared trees, brush and stumps shall be chipped or removed from the site. Wood chips may be place on finished grade.

3. All loam and soil must be bulldozed into piles for future spreading. No loam or soil may be removed from the property unless previously provided for in these by-laws.

4. Material other than loam or soil may be removed relative to contours as specified by the Board and as shown on the

original plan or an amended plan submitted by the applicant and approved by the Board. In material removal areas, ledge shall not be left exposed above the approved grade and boulders shall be removed or buried at least such that their tops are six feet below the approved grade. In the event that ledge is encountered prior to reaching the approved grade a revision of the approved grade plan must be submitted to the Board within 30 days and no work affecting the proposed revision shall be done until the Board gives approval.

5. After the material has been removed from the grid (400 ft. x 400 ft.) and before proceeding to the next grid, the excavation shall be graded to the approved grade, prior to, or concurrent with operations on the next grid, all loam and soil shall be respread over the entire excavation, except in such areas as are required for egress in subsequent operations; and this shall be limited to 30 foot wide roadways and 100 foot wide turn-arounds. All banks prior to and resulting from operations shall be graded to a slope no steeper than two feet horizontal to one foot vertical. Under no circumstances shall the finished grade be less than six feet above the highest springtime water table. After all operations are completed, areas used for egress shall be brought to grade and finished in accordance with regulations pertaining to other areas as specified in these by-laws.

6. All timbers, structures and the like, which are not part of the finished plan, shall be removed as the operation is terminated.

7. Rye grass shall be seeded on this reloamed area at a minimum rate of 200 pounds per acre. Other ground covers acceptable to the Board may be substituted.

8. Upon completion and approval by the Board of each 400' x 400' grid, the "security" may be advanced to the next grid.

9. The Board shall reserve the right to limit the days and hours of operation and shall require anti-dust treatment in those areas that in the Board's opinion require such treatment.

10. Material shall not be excavated at any time to a level that will

produce standing water, and drainage of surface water shall be maintained.

11. Backfilling shall be accomplished to the completed grades specified in the original petition and shall be accomplished with suitable material as approved by the Board. Such backfilling to be covered by a minimum of six inches of loam and rehabilitated in a manner previously prescribed.

12. As minimum requirement said permits shall require that the following buffer areas be left in their natural state on the applicant's property during the life of the permit:
    a. 300 feet of any street line
    b. 200 feet of any other boundary line
    c. 600 feet of any occupied dwelling

13. At the applicant's expense, the Board shall require that property markers be set to determine the total extent of the owner's property to be involved in operations, and that each grid (400 feet x 400 feet) of land or less than a grid in the case of a complete parcel, being operated shall also be so marked. Furthermore the level of water table as previously described herein shall be referenced to suitable bench marks on said parcels at convenient locations and in such a manner to allow for measurement by the Conservation Commission or other agencies as they believe are necessary to insure compliance with the by-laws.

14. All provisions of the Hatch Act and the Inland Wetlands Act shall be observed.
    The Board may also affix any additional specifications and restrictions as are considered necessary.

F. No permit or renewal of permit issued hereafter shall be valid for more than one year from its date of issue. Existing permits shall be valid until their dates of expiration. Renewal of a permit shall be applied for at least 90 days prior to the expiration of a permit. Prior to the renewal of a permit, to which mandatory specifications and restrictions shall be affixed and additional ones may be affixed, the Board will hold a public hearing.

Before the public hearing, the Board shall require The Conservation

Commission to submit in writing to the Board, a statement of compliance or non-compliance with the restrictions and specifications as set forth in the permit. If the statement reports non-compliance, the violations shall be indicated.

G. When the statement of the Conservation Commission indicates non-compliance with the restrictions and specifications as set forth in the permit, the Board shall cause a certified letter, return receipt requested, to be written to the applicant. This letter shall (a) indicate the violations, (b) advise the applicant that he shall have 30 days from the date of the letter to comply with the zoning laws, and (c) advise him that the permit will not be renewed unless he complies with the restrictions and specifications. The decision of the Board on renewal of the permit shall be postponed until another written report by the Conservation Commission is made regarding compliance.

In the event that the Board denied the renewal of the permit for reasons of non-compliance the Board shall within one day advise the Town Treasurer and the Selectmen of their decision and recommend the forfeiture of bond, deposits of money or negotiable securities as referrred to in the permit issued to the applicant."

; or take any action relative thereto. (NOT VOTED)

And you are hereby required to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof in three (3) public places in said town of Merrimac, at least seven (7) days before said time of meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting, aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 6th day of February, 1973.

BERNARD H. CONNOR
RAYMOND P. DAVID
Board of Selectmen

WARRANT
for
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 11, 1973

ESSEX, ss.

To DONALD J. MONTIGNY, one of the Constables of the Town of Merrimac:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet in RED OAK SCHOOL, Merrimac,

MONDAY, JUNE 11, 1973

(Postponed to June 18, 1973 - due to lack of quorum)

at 8:00 o'clock in the evening to act on the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended by the Water Department to defray the cost of hiring a second man to work for the Water Department until June 30, 1974, or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended by the Water Department to purchase a new or used portable air compressor with paving breaker and air hose, or take any other action relative thereto. (Tabled)

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase a new truck with sander and plow for the Highway Department, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade the Chevrolet truck towards the purchase of the new truck or to sell the Chevrolet truck at private or public sale, or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to defray the cost of oiling and resurfacing streets within the town, or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase a wood chipper, or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase a carry-all trailer, or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of the operation of the Town refuse disposal area from the Board of Health to the Highway Department of the Town and to authorize the transfer of the unexpended balances in the Dump Maintenance Salary and Expense accounts from the Board of Health to the Highway Department, or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Health to defray the cost of the services of a professional engineer to survey and develop site plans for the Town refuse disposal area; to authorize the Board of Health to enter into any contracts or take any other action which may be necessary or useful in connection with the the foregoing; or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health to hire a qualified person to act as inspector of sewerage to be paid at an hourly rate to be determined by the Board of Health; that the Town vote to raise and appropriate and transfer from available funds a sum of money to defray the cost of the inspector of sewerage; or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to increase the salary of the gas inspector of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to acquire by purchase or by eminent domain, for conservation purposes, from the Boston and Maine Railroad, its Trustee in Bankruptcy or other legal representative, the fee or any lesser interest in a certain parcel of land approximately

eighty (80) feet wide commencing at the Massachusetts/New Hampshire border and running a distance of approximately two (2) miles to land now or formerly of Edgemont Manufacturing Co., being shown on a plan entitled, "Right of Way and Tract Map, Boston and Maine Railroad, operated by the Boston and Maine Railroad, Scale 1" = 100', June 30, 1914, Office of Valuation Engineer, Boston, Massachusetts, sheets 4, 5 and 6"; that a sum of money be raised and appropriated and a sum of money be transferred from the Conservation Fund and a sum of money be transferred from the amount appropriated under Article 50 of the 1973 Annual Town Meeting to defray the cost and expenses of said purchase or eminent domain taking; that the Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectmen be authorized to apply for and receive any state and federal assistance or take any other action which may be necessary or useful in connection with the foregoing; or take any other action relative thereto. (Postponed to 10/15/73)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the cost of opening fire lanes in the Town Forest, or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to defray the cost of assigning numbers to existing houses and house lots on certain streets within the town, or take any action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expenses of the Town Government Committee authorized at the 1973 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expenses of the Department of Public Works Committee authorized at the 1973 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

And you are hereby required to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof in three (3) public places in said town of Merrimac, at least seven (7) days before said time of meeting.

Hereby fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 1st day of June, 1973.

WARRANT
for
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1973

ESSEX, ss.

To DONALD J. MONTIGNY, one of the Constables of the Town of Merrimac:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet in RED OAK SCHOOL, Merrimac,

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1973

at 8:00 o'clock in the evening to act on the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the town will vote to amend the Merrimac zoning by-laws as follows:
By deleting paragraph one of Section V and substituting therefore the following:

"1. One family dwelling or farm"; or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Merrimac zoning by-laws as follows:
By deleting that portion of the second sentence in Section XXI which presently reads as follows:

"1. Apartment houses of not more than eighteen units per acre subject to the following regulations and restrictions"; and substituting therefore the following:

"1. Apartment houses of not more than ten units per acre subject to the following regulations and restrictions"; or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will vote to amend the Merrimac zoning by-laws as follows:
1. By deleting paragraph two of Section VI and substituting therefore the following:

"2. Lot Area. No building except those allowed in Section 5 and its accessory building may be erected on a lot. Each lot shall

have not less than 200 feet frontage on a street or way and an area of not less the 80,000 square feet, provided that one dwelling may be erected on a lot having lesser dimension if petitioner can show by recorded deed or plan that said lot existed at the time this by-law was adopted."; or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to amend the Merrimac zoning by-laws by adding to "Section XIV. General Provisions." the following;

5. "Street or way" shall be deemed for the purpose of these by-laws to include any public way, any private way shown on a plan approved under the provisions of the subdivision control law, or any private way in existence when the provisions of the subdivision control law became effective in the town, having in the opinion of the town's planning board suitable grades and adequate construction to provide for the needs of the vehicular traffic in relation to the proposed use of land abutting thereon or served thereby and for the installation of municipal services to serve such land and the buildings erected or to be erected thereon; or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer $4,003.94 from the regular elementary school appropriation to the vocational school account (Chapter 74). (Voted)

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to establish a committee to study the feasability of adopting a building code, said committee to be comprised of seven (7) members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, to consist of the following: Fire Chief, Building Inspector, Two (2) members of the Planning Board, and three (3) members at large. (Voted)

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote:

A. To acquire by purchase by eminent domain, for water supply purposes, a certain parcel of land in the town, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwesterly corner thereof t land now or formerly of Dudley Sargent at an iron pipe at Old Bear Hill Road and thence running by said Old Bear Hill Road

South 59° 8' - 30" East a distance of 125 feet to an iron pipe at land now or formerly of Robert R. and Jane E. Sargent, thence turning and running

South 22° 34' - 00" West by said land now or formerly of Sargent, 125 feet to an iron pipe to said land now or formerly of Sargent thence turning and running

North 59° 08' - 30" West by said land now or formerly of Sargent 125 feet to a drill hole set in a stone wall at said land now or formerly of Dudley Sargent, thence turning and running

North 22° 34' - 00" East along said stone wall and said land of Sargent to an iron pipe at Old Bear Hill Road and the point of beginning.

Containing 15,462 square feet, more or less, as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of land in Merrimac, Massachusetts showing proposed land taking by the Town of Merrimac for construction of water storage facilities. Scale 1 inch = 40 feet. May, 1973, Clinton Foster Goodwin, Registered Land Surveyor, 25 Washington Street, Haverhill, Massachusetts."

Also an easement and right of way for installation, maintenance and repair of water mains and for purposes of ingress and egress by vehicle or otherwise to the above described parcel over the following described parcel of land:

Beginning at the Northwesterly corner thereof at an iron pipe at Bear Hill Road and land now or formerly of Mildred G. Greenlaw and thence running

South 20° 40' - 30" West along said stone wall and said land of Greenlaw 331.31 feet, to a drill hole set in a stone wall at Bear Hill Road, thence turning and running

South 4° 45' - 40" East across Old Bear Hill Road 68.42 feet to an iron pipe at the parcel described above, thence turning and running

South 59° 08' - 30" East along a stone wall and the parcel described above 24.67 feet to an iron pipe, thence turning and running

North 4° 45' - 40" West across said Old Bear Hill Road and said land of Robert R. Sargent et al a total of 78.35 feet to a stake, thence turning and running

North 20° 40' - 30" East by said land of Sargent 325.02 feet to an iron pipe at said Bear Hill Road, thence turning and running

North 64° 14' - 20" West along said Bear Hill Road 20.08 feet to an iron pipe to said land of Greenlaw and the point of beginning

Said easement being shown on the plan described above; said land being supposedly owned by Robert R. and Jane E. Sargent.

B. To raise and appropriate a sum of money for said purpose and to determine how such sum shall be raised, whether transferred from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise:

C. Or take any other action relative thereto. (Voted)

And you are hereby required to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof in three (3) public places in said Town of Merrimac, at least seven (7) days before said time of meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 3rd day of October, 1973.

WARRANT
for
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

ESSEX, ss.

To, Donald J. Montigny, one of the Constables of the Town of Merrimac:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of MERRIMAC to meet in RED OAK SCHOOL in Merrimac on

MONDAY, MAY 6, 1974

at 8 o'clock in the evening to act on the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, G.L.'s as amended: Moderator, Town Clerk, Three Selectmen, Three Assessors, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Tree Warden, Three Commissioners of Municipal Light, Three Water Commissioners, and raise and appropriate sums of money therefore, and to determine sums of money to be raised to defray the necessary and usual charges and expenses of the Town for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1974 and make appropriations for the same said sums of money so raised and appropriated to be expended for specific purposes to be voted.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1974, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen

and their successors in office to sell, until the 1975 Annual Town Meeting, at public sale advertised once in a local newspaper at least 7 days prior to sale any of the property which the Town may have acquired or may hereafter acquire through proceedings based upon non-payment of taxes or under proceedings for the sale of lands of low value, to impose upon the property so sold such restrictions, reservations, or conditions as shall be deemed expedient, and to execute and deliver in the name and under the seal of the Town quit-claim deeds or other instruments therefore; or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to use a sum of money from available balances and from "FREE CASH" in the treasury toward the reduction of the tax rate for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1974; or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the maintenance of road machinery to keep road machinery in operation; or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended on highway work on thickly settled streets; or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, or borrow a sum of money for Chapter 81 highway construction and maintenance; or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, or borrow a sum of money for Chapter 90 highway construction; or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, or borrow a sum of money for Chapter 90 maintenance; or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of

money from the sale of cemetery lots, such sum or part thereof, to be expended under the direction of the Cemetery Trustees for the "Care, Improvement and Embellishment" of said cemeteries, according to Section 14, and Section 25 of Chapter 114, G.L.'s.; or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from Electric Light Operating balance, said money to be used by the Assessors with the estimated receipts to fix the tax rate for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1974; or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to approve the transfer of dog license fees collected during the eighteen month period commenced on January 1, 1973 to the Merrimac Public Library as provided in Chapter 140, Section 172 of the G.L.'s.; or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to accept benefits provided under Chapter 760, Acts of 1960 entitled "An act providing State aid for free public libraries"; or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tree Warden to employ himself to perform labor or render services to the Tree Department and to establish the rate of compensation for such labor or services at $2.00 per hour; or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 6B relative to appropriations of money for the purchase of uniforms for members of the Police and Fire Department; or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16. That the Town vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 108L concerning the establishment of a career incentive pay program for regular full time members of the Police Department or transfer from available funds a sum of money to defray the cost thereof during the fiscal year bwginning July 1, 1974; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to reduce by attrition and thereby limit the total number of full time Police Officers employed by

the Town of Merrimac to six; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 97A of the General Laws as amended relative to the establishment, membership, and supervision of the Police Department; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Selectmen for the purchase of a Police cruiser and to authorize the Selectmen to trade in any present Police cruiser towards the cost of said new Police cruiser; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Fire Department for the purchase of radio equipment; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Fire Department for the purchase of hose; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Fire Department to relocate the fire alarm panel from the present Fire Station to the Brox Building; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Fire Department to defray the cost of an answering and dispatch service; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended for the purchase of a four wheel drive pickup truck with plow for the Highway Department; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to amend the by-laws of the Town by adding to Article XIII the following section: "Section 5. Refuse of each of the following types; (1) Cardboard (Chipboard,

corrugated board, other cardboard), newspapers and magazines, (2) bottles and other glass containers made of clear or green glass, (3) aluminum, steel and tin cans, and (4) all other refuse, shall be separately set out for collection or deposited on the Town dump and shall be collected and so deposited and then recycled. The Board of Health shall from time to time promulgate regulations to implement the purposes of this section; provided that no regulation shall be promulgated under this section except after a public hearing. A notice of any such hearing containing the date, time and location of the hearing and a summary of the regulation under consideration shall be published at least seven days prior to the hearing in a newspaper published in the Town."; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Council of Ageing consisting of seven to eleven citizens of the Town, appointed by the Board of Selectmen for terms not to exceed four years for any member. Said term shall be staggered so that not more than three appointments shall be made in any calendar year. Members can be reappointed for concurrent terms. The duties of said Council on Ageing shall be to:

1. Identify the total needs of the community's elderly population;
2. Educate the community and enlist support in participation of all citizens concerning these needs;
3. Design, promote, or implement services to fill these needs, or coordinate present existing services in the community;
4. Promote and support any other programs which are designed to assist elderly programs in the community.

Said Council on Ageing shall cooperate with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of Elderly Affairs and shall be cognizant of all State and Federal Legislation concerning funding, information exchange, and program planning which exist for better community programing for the elderly.

Said Council on Ageing shall give an annual report to the Board of Selectmen with a copy of that report directed to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of Elderly Affairs; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to aid in treatment, training and rehabilitation of the mentally ill and mentally retarded, said money to be received and administered by the Haverhill–Newburyport Mental Health and Mental Retardation Area

Board; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, management and control of the land known as Indian Head Park to the Playground Commission; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer a sum of money to be expended by the Playground Commission for the care and maintenance of Indian Head Park; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to designate River Road as a scenic road under the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 15C; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be expended by the Cemetery Trustees to defray the cost of hot topping roads in Locust Grove Cemetery; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Trustees of the Public Library for the purchase of furnishings for the newly renovated Public Library; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will adopt a resolution indicating a local need for Flood Insurance, a desire to participate in the Federal Flood Insurance Program and appoint the Board of Selectmen as the Board with responsibility, authority and means to take any official action as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the objective of the Flood Insurance Program; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote under the provisions of Chapter 45, Section 21 of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 893 of the Acts of 1971, to authorize the Conservation Commission to appoint a special Town Forest Committee to be in charge of the management and care of the Town Forest; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the

Selectmen to appoint a Sewage Treatment Committee consisting of three individuals whose duty shall be to investigate the feasibility of a sewage treatment facility and to advise the Town on various matters relating to the creation of a sewage treatment system and to authorize said committee to apply for, receive, and expend any financial assistance necessary or convenient for the purpose of the committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be expended by the Beautification Committee for the care and maintenance of road side gardens; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to 1. authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire for park purposes by purchase, eminent domain, gift, or partly by purchase and partly by gift, the fee, or any lesser interest in, the land and buildings in Merrimac Square known as the Mobil Gas Station property, said property being more particularly bounded and described in transfer certificate of title No. 10440, Essex South District Registry of Deeds, Registered Land Section; 2. To raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to defray the purchase price and other costs of this acquisition; 3. To authorize the Board of Selectmen, Town Beautification Committee and Conservation Committee to apply for and receive any State, Federal or other assistance which may be necessary or useful in connection with the foregoing; 4. To authorize the Board of Selectmen, Conservation Committee and Town Beautification Committee to do anything which may be necessary or useful in connection with the foregoing; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to petition the General Court pursuant to the provisions of Section 8 of LXXXIX of the amendments to the State Constitution for a special law substantially in the following form or take any other action in relation thereto; "For the purposes of the fifth sentence of section 7 of Chapter 150E as inserted by Chapter 1078 of the Acts of 1973, the provisions of Section 34 of Chapter 71 shall be deemed to be not operative in the Town of Merrimac."

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article II, Section I of the by-laws of the Town to change the words "fifteenth

day of January" to "fourth day of March" so that it will read: Every officer in charge of a Department shall annually on or before the fourth day of March transmit to the Selectmen, a report containing a statement of the acts and financial transactions of said Department for the last financial year, to be printed in the Annual Report; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Committee to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Department of Public Works; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of "The Committee to Study the Feasibility of Changing Town Government."; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote 1. to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, including Revenue Sharing Funds, a sum of money to be expended by the Brox Building Renovation Committee for the purpose of repairing, remodeling and renovating the Brox Building. 2. That said repairing, remodeling and renovating include the following;

(a) Repair of Roof
(b) Sprinkler system
(c) Any other repair, remodeling or renovation deemed necessary or desirable in the opinion of the Brox Renovation Committee to enable the Fire Department to move into the Brox Building.
(d) Any other repair, remodeling or renovation deemed necessary or convenient in the opinion of the Brox Building Renovation Committee.

3. That the Brox Renovation Committee be authorized to enter into any contracts or do anything which may be necessary or convenient in carrying out the purposes of this article; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to: 1. Acquire by purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, for cemetery purposes, a certain parcel of land containing 28 acres, more or less, located on the Cemetery Road, Locust Street and River Road and being more particularly bounded and described in book 6018, Page 326; 2. To raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to defray the purchase price, surveying expenses and other costs of this

acquisition; 3. Authorize the Board of Selectmen and Cemetery Trustees to do anything which may be necessary or useful in connection with the foregoing; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used with funds appropriated under Article 28 of the Annual Town Meeting, February 26, 1973 for the construction of a storage standpipe, control chamber and accessory work; or take any other action relative thereto.

And you are hereby required to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof in three (3) public places in said Town of Merrimac, at least seven (7) days before said time of meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 22nd day of April, 1974

NANCY C. MacGREGOR
H. FRANCIS DRENTH
GEORGE J. P. STEVENS
Board of Selectmen

Annual Report
of the
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
of the
TOWN OF MERRIMAC
For The Year Ending
December 31, 1973

In accordance with custom and with the Acts of the General Court, 1859, Chapter 57, we herewith submit to you the 103rd annual printed school report.

ZILLAH BUZZELL, Chairman
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SCHOOL REPORT

ANNUAL REPORT 1973

To the Selectmen and the Citizens of Merrimac:

The Merrimac School Committee submits this report for the year 1973. For the educational program in Grades 7-12 please turn to the Pentucket Regional School Committee report. For vocational activities in the Whittier Regional Vocational-Technical School, of which this town is a member, please turn to the Whittier report.

Although it is sometimes suggested that we gloss over the costs involved in educating our children, we submit that there is no intent on our part to do so. We are not unmindful of the financial efforts exerted on behalf of your and our children. The wishes of the majority of citizens in the community and legislation affecting children dictate the expenditures that this Committee budgets for.

Reimbursements for School Purposes

At this date we are unable to present to you the amounts received from the Commonwealth as reimbursements for school purposes. These amounts have fortunately been increasing in recent years and will hopefully continue in terms of percentage of dollars expended. These sums are available because the State has preempted certain tax resources on a statewide basis to provide for some correction in the equality of support for education.

Although we cannot certify that any of these sums were received by the Town, these amounts were indicated on the "cherry sheet" to be used by the Board of Assessors in determining the 1972 and 1973 tax levies:

	1972	1973
School Transportation G.L. CH. 71, s.7A	$16,952.00	$11,281.79
Outside Schools Transportation G.L. CH. 74, s.8A	290.00	1,448.00
Construction of School Projects 1948, CH. 645; 1954, CH. 346, s.6A	41,534.00	25,130.50
School Lunch Program (Partial Assistance) 1951, CH. 538	3,747.00	7,761.60

Vocational Education G.L. CH. 74, s.9, 1967, CH. 791	5,029.00	9,233.00
Regional School District Aid G.L. CH. 71, s.16D, 1967, CH. 779	46,471.00	68,524.53
Tuition and Transportation of Children G.L. CH. 76, s. 7	7,293.00	7,275.07
Special Education Programs G.L. CH. 69 & CH. 71	22,313.00	18,214.00
School Aid	439,390.00	736,121.34*
	$583,019.00	$884,989.83

* We understand that Chapter 70 funding in 1973 will be 81.2 per cent of the stated amount, or entitlement, as shown above. For the exact sums received in the above categories and all others, we refer you to the Accountant's Report.

Curriculum Change

The only significant change in curriculum was the introduction of a formal program in diagnosis and remediation of specific learning disabilities, especially in reading. Although reading has always received much attention, new findings in the field of reading will reach another segment of students who were not properly served. This instruction is mandated by law. It will, however, receive more intensive treatment henceforth because we know more about these dysfunctions and the diagnosis and remediation thereof. It is also a vital segment of Chapter 766 (Acts of 1972) which will go into effect on September 1, 1974. For additional information on this new law, interested citizens are referred to last year's annual report and a summary of the main features of the law in the Pentucket Regional School District report for 1973.

Merrimac Pupils

Although this Committee is in charge of the Elementary grades only, this Committee summarizes the public school population for which the Town has responsibilities (10-1-73).

Elementary Pupils	
Kindergarten	88
Grades 1-6	574

Pentucket Regional	
Junior High	292
Senior High	197
Vocational Schools	
Whittier Regional	93

This Committee submits its record of stewardship for 1973 for your approval. Our accomplishments were made possible by the efforts of previous School Committees, town officials and many interested citizens. It is our hope to leave a legacy on which future Committees may build.

Respectfully submitted,

ZILLAH BUZZELL, Chairman
DANIEL S. GULEZIAN
EIDA V. JERVEY
FRANCIS G. RONAN
DAVID W. SHAW
Merrimac School Committee

DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL STAFF – MERRIMAC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Position	Name	Training	Total Yrs. Experience	Years in Merrimac
Principal	Norman A. Dugas	A.B. Merrimack College 1957 M.Ed. Boston State College 1958	15	2.7
Ass't Prin.	Annette A. Autiello	B.S. Suffolk University 1966 M.Ed. Suffold University 1969	7	5
INTERMEDIATE UNIT:				
	Dawn Rae Allen	B.S. Salem State College	5	5
	Kay N. Herlihy	B.A. Rivier College 1964	7	L/A-Resigned 6/20/73
	Nancy W. Deminie	B.A. University of N.H. 1953	14	14
	Jane K. Sheedy	B.A. University of Mass. 1967	5	5
	Nancy A. Draper	B.S. Keene State College 1969	4	Leave of Absence
	Genevieve Smithson	Posse School of Phys. Ed. 1938	20	14
	John L. Randall, III	B.Ed. Keene Teachers' College 1962	11	5
	Edward Martin	B.S. Salem State College 1965	7	7
	Patricia M. Condon	B.S. Gordon College 1953	16	9
	Mary H. Coughlin	A.B. Merrimack College 1961 M.A. Salem State College 1964	12	5
	Michael K. Reagan	A.B. University of Notre Dame 1970	2.6	1
	Roy M. Campbell	B.S. Gordon College 1971	2	2
	Lucia A. DePamphilis	B.S. State College at Framingham '67 M.Ed. Salem State College 1970	4	4

	Rosalie M. Scher	B.S. Farmington Teachers' College '60	6	3
	Gretchen J. Scholten	B.A. University of Mass. 1971	1	1
PRIMARY UNIT:				
	Constance L. Gordon	B.S. University of Maine 1969	4	4
	Linda M. Brackett	B.S. Lowell State College 1970	3	3
	Barbara R. TAylor	B.S. Gordon College 1967	7	6
	Lilyan H. Cummings	Tufts University	5	5
	Marion F. Johnson	B.S. University of N.H. 1949	24	16
		M.Ed. Salem State College 1965		
	Joanne Fitzgerald	B.S. Salem State College 1969	4	4
	Constance C. Dublin	B.S. Lowell State College 1960	12	5
	Jean M. Connor	B.S. Salem State College 1970	3	3
	Christine J. Williams	B.S. State University of Iowa 1966	5	Resigned 6/30/73
		M.Ed. Salem State College 1969		
	Deborah L. Shaw	B.S. Lowell State College 1972	1	1
	Linda M. Gilmartin	B.S. Salem State College 1971	2	2
	M. Jane Karcher	B.A. University of Mass. 1971	2	2
	Angela Baldassare	B.S. Salem State College 1972	.6	.6
	Martha A. Shanahan	B.S. State College at Westfield 1971	2	2
	Ellen C. Doherty	B.S. Lowell State College 1972	1	1
Art Supervisor	Nancy Perkins	M.Ed. University of Mass.	14	9
Vocal Music	Veronica E. Laite	B.A. Madonna College, Mich. 1967	9	4
Instrumental Music	Kenneth E. Kozak	M.M.Ed. Lowell State College 1968	4	1

DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL STAFF – MERRIMAC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Continued)

Position	Name	Training	Total Yrs. Experience	Years In Merrimac
Speech Therapist	Priscilla D. Hull	B.S. Emerson College 1964	8	6
Speech Therapist	Susan Foley	B.S. Spalding College, Ky. 1972	1	Resigned 6/30/73
Special Education	Thomas F. Moughan	B.S. Fitchburg State College 1964	9	5
Special Education	Elsie-Eloise Hopkins	M.Ed. Tufts University 1949	7	Position Terminated
Reading and Perceptually Handicapped Consulting Teacher	Ellenmarie A. Widman	B.Ed. Keene State College 1968 M.S. University of N.H. 1972	5	5
Physical Education	Priscilla P. Wilson	B.S. Russell Sage College 1950	9	5
Specific Learning Disabilities	Joanne E. Redding	B.A. Wheaton College 1954	6	1

1973 - 1974
SCHOOL CALENDAR

SCHOOL UNION No. 53

1973		
September		
4	Tuesday	Orientation: Teachers
5	Wednesday	School opens for Pupils
October		
8	Monday	Holiday - no school Columbus Day
22	Monday	Holiday - no school Veterans Day
November		
9	Friday	Schools closed - Parent-Teacher Conf. K-6 Ends 1st. quarter - 45 days
21	Wednesday	Schools close at noon for Thanksgiving holiday
26	Monday	Schools open
December		
21	Friday	Schools close end-of-day for the Christmas holiday
1974		
January		
2	Wednesday	Schools open
25	Friday	Ends 2nd quarter - 46 days
February		
15	Friday	Schools close for Winter vacation
25	Monday	Schools open
April		
12	Friday	Schools closed - Good Friday. Start of Spring vacation Ends 3rd quarter - 49 days
22	Monday	Schools open
May		
27	Monday	Schools closed - Memorial Day Observance
June		
20	Thursday	Last day of School (Half-day) Ends 4th quarter - 43 days.

(183 days) Final school day ends at completion of 180 school days.

SCHOOL CENSUS
AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1973

	Boys	Girls	Total
From 5 to 7	87	88	175
From 7 to 16	477	454	931
	564	542	1,106

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

NO SCHOOL announcements will be made over Station WBZ and WHAV after 7 o'clock in the morning.

6:30 a.m. 11-11-11- No School, all grades.

1973 - 1974 BUDGET
MERRIMAC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

	1/1/73-74 to 6/30/74 Appropriated	To 12/31/73 Expended	1975 Fiscal Yr. Requested
ADMINISTRATION:			
Contracted Services	1,140.00	300.00	1,333.00
Other Expenses	3,041.00	1,762.76	1,370.00
Salaries, Professional	15,191.00	8,381.87	11,268.00
Salaries, Non-Professional	8,646.00	4,730.84	6,210.00
Supplies & materials, Office	750.00	842.74	600.00
Travel	750.00	475.00	667.00
INSTRUCTION:			
Administrative Salaries	44,000.00	28,799.32	33,636.00
Administrative Expense	900.00	59.00	800.00
Clerical Salaries	14,670.00	8,586.19	10,310.00
Office Expense	600.00	267.95	400.00
Teachers Salaries	569,794.00	342,025.97	383,909.00
Teachers Aides (Instructional)	10,440.00	5,944.49	7,560.00
General Supplies	15,098.00	9,875.77	13,189.00
Textbooks and Workbooks	9,154.00	5,616.81	8,763.00
Library Supplies	300.00	298.13	200.00
Educational Television	690.00	776.25	510.00
Librarian	9,656.00	5,097.08	5,970.00
Teachers Aides (Non-Instruct.)	9,370.00	5,704.24	6,660.00

OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES:			
Supervisor of Attendance	150.00	40.00	100.00
School Physician	1,500.00	880.00	1,000.00
School Nurse	12,390.00	7,070.73	8,850.00
Nurse's Travel	75.00	37.50	50.00
Supplies-Health	160.00	166.54	125.00
Mental Health Clinic	800.00	800.00	500.00
Transportation: (Regular)	48,088.00	29,814.14	31,500.00
Transportation: (Spcial Class)	6,670.00	3,913.00	See Sch. B
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE:			
Custodians' Salaries	44,905.00	27,495.79	38,850.00
Custodians' Supplies	6,200.00	3,352.97	3,500.00
Fuel	18,600.00	8,831.00	14,580.00
Telephones	1,800.00	1,801.95	1,435.00
Equipment Repair	1,200.00	485.43	1,160.00
Building Maintenance	10,500.00	14,158.80	10,225.00
Grounds Maintenance	800.00	515.62	700.00
School Lunch Program	6,890.00	4,032.60	4,490.00
ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS:			
Equipment	7,850.00	4,212.82	2,730.00
Replacement of Equipment	-	-	2,750.00
PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS:			
Special Class Tuition	4,400.00	1,908.89	See Sch. B
	887,168.00	539,062.19	
VOCATIONAL:			
Tuition and Transportation	9,100.00	13,103.94	2,000.00
SCHEDULE B			
Instructional Services	-	-	40,334.00
Psychological Services	-	-	500.00
Supplies and Materials	-	-	720.00
Transportation	-	-	10,000.00
Programs with other Districts	-	-	5,000.00
	896,268.00	552,166.13	674,454.00

Report of the

PENTUCKET REGIONAL DISTRICT

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

For The

Year Ending December 31, 1973

In accordance with Chapter 71, Section 16K, the Pentucket Regional District School Committee submits its twentieth annual report to each of the member towns.

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Office: Pentucket Regional High School, West Newbury, Mass.

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Address: 68 West Main Street, Merrimac, Mass.

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PENTUCKET REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Annual Report, 1973

To the Selectmen and the Citizens
of Groveland, Merrimac and West Newbury:

This Committee submits this report on its management of your schools during the 1973 Calendar Year. In addition to the narrative portion of the report, financial and other aspects of the school follow this brief presentation. Each year we review with you briefly some of the significant developments in education, legislation or management. We are following the same procedures this year.

In the 1972 report to the Towns we reviewed with you the types of decisions that the School Committee faces and their consequences. We reviewed the decision-making processes and how it affects the operation of the schools, and other critical concerns. We will not repeat those concerns here except to report that the building maintenance report of a year ago indicated a roof problem at the junior high school. This is to report that a legal settlement was reached and accepted – the District accepted a $70,000.00 settlement.

Relocation of Central Administration Offices

Effective September 1, 1973 the administrative offices for the Regional School District and the School Superintendency Union were moved to the John C. Page School in West Newbury. The move was necessitated by the cramped administrative quarters at the Senior High School Building. Ample space is now available for the central office personnel to provide more efficient services to all interested parties.

Curriculum Changes

In our rapidly changing society in which all aspects of our culture are undergoing criticism and change, we find the same observations applied to on-going educational program. On-going curriculum examinations have always been part of the desires of committees and citizens. Pentucket has shared these improvements with its pupils and continues to do so. Many of the changes are improvements in contents and/or process and do not generate too much notice. Others are much more visible and we would like to single them out for you. During 1973 a work-study program was initiated to combine the world of work with the academic program. This program holds much promise if cooperate needs can be determined and shared.

Another significant change at the Regional School level was the introduction of instruction for those pupils with relatively severe handicaps in reading, now called Specific Learning Disabilities. Although concerted efforts have been made in schools for many years to overcome these handicaps, additional knowledge in the diagnosis and remediation of these handicaps raises new hopes to improve the reading levels of these children, children who have normal ability but have a limiting dysfunction.

Both of these changes and more are mandated in the implementation of Chapter 766 which goes into effect September 1, 1974. Although many of you have read and heard much of the impact of this legislation, its significance and impact is such that this Committee will devote the balance of this report to the new law.

Special Education

You may have noticed a significant change in this year's budget in comparison to previous budgets with the inclusion of a section specifically detailing the impact of Chapter 766 (Acts of 1972) dealing with children with special needs. Because of the complexity and the ramifications of this legislation, we are attaching a very brief summarization of the legislation on the following pages. This brief presentation is inadequate for a complete understanding of the impact of Chapter 766. For those who may want or need further clarification, materials to this effect will be found at the Central Administration Office.

Special Education – A New Program

In spite of the concern expressed oftentimes by individuals as to the validity of including these services in the school budget, until the laws pertaining to these services are repealed, this Committee is compelled to include them. Critics should keep in mind (1) that the Schools did not ask for this inclusion and (2) that the legislature placed these services under the jurisdiction of the schools because it believed no other public, or private, agency could provide the needed services as reasonably and efficiently.

Reports to the legislators held that in spite of the best intentions, and some remarkable courage and wisdom in the past, statewide studies showed that the handicapped in Massachusetts continued to be neglected and near-forgotten as a group. Although the lot of the

handicapped was improving very slowly and painfully, it was not considered adequate by those who looked at it closely. For instance, institutionalization of special children, long an established policy, was considered less than a success. The present legislation aims at the prospect of each individual living at home, or in a desired placement.

Important Definition Under This Legislation

"School age child", any person of ages three through twenty-one who has not attained a high school diploma or its equivalent

"School age child with special needs", a school age child who, because of temporary or more permanent adjustment difficulties or attributes arising from intellectual, sensory, emotional, or physical factors, cerebral dysfunctions, perceptual factors, or other specific learning disabilities or any combination thereof, is unable to progress effectively in a regular school program and requires special classes, instruction periods, or other special education services in order to successfully develop his individual educational potential. May include family guidance or counseling services. When the suggested course of study is other than regular education those persons assessing said child shall present a method of monitoring the benefits of such special education and conditions that would indicate that the child should return to regular classes, and a comparison of expected outcomes in regular class placement.

If a child with special needs requires medical or psychological treatment as part of a special education program provided pursuant to this section, or if his parent or guardian requires social services related to the child's special needs, such treatment or services, or both, shall be made available, in accordance with regulations promulgated jointly by the departments of education, mental health, public health and public welfare in connection with the child's special education program.

Additional Planning

As evident in the above paragraphs much effort is being given to making your schools the kind of schools that the community wants. There are other items of concern to all of you that the Committee is working on. Since these are in study form they will be mentioned only. The three large areas of concern are: curriculum and scheduling changes, long-range plans for athletic facilities, and long-range grounds and building facilities.

And finally, we are not insensitive to the critics of our programs. Because we place a high value on our youth, we support the level of services that the community, directly or indirectly demands.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL S. GULEZIAN, Chairman
EIDA V. JERVEY
DAVID W. SHAW
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BETTY G. CONWAY
RICHARD T. SCIACCA
A. NEIL GADD
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BARBARA M. WELLS
Pentucket Regional School Committee

DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL STAFF 1972 - 1973

PENTUCKET REGIONAL JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Position	Name	Training	Total Years at Pentucket
Principal High School	Alexander S. Johnson	B.S. Springfield College 1949 M.S. University of Mass. 1957	3
Assistant Principal	Bertram D. Fecteau	M.Ed. Boston University 1955	8
Principal Junior High	Francis J. Ferreira	M.Ed. Salem State College 1964	13
Assistant Principal	William H. Whiting	M.Ed. Northeastern University 1961	13
Guidance Director	Robert R. Fanning	M.Ed. Salem State College 1964	9
Guidance	Kenneth B. Wood	M.Ed. Salem State College 1964	11
Guidance	Dorothy M. Mesle	M.Ed. Salem State College 1964	9
Guidance	Beryl Bagni	B.S. University of Mass. 1948	3
Guidance	John J. O'Wril	B.Ed. Plymouth State College 1963	6
Girls' Phys. Ed.	Laura J. Carley	B.S. Bridgewater State College 1967	6
Girls' Phys. Ed.	Sandra J. Drew	B.S. State College at Bridgewater 1970	Resigned 6/30/73
Girls' Phys. Ed.	Nancy L. Hurld	B.A. Lea College, Minnesota 1972	Began 9/1/73
Boys' Phys. Ed. Dir.	Thomas J. Flaherty	M.A.T. Brown University 1961	10
Boys' Phys. Ed.	Raymond E. Stickney	B.Ed. Plymouth State College 1964	9
Boys' Phys. Ed. & Ind. Arts	Roger R. Lambert	B.S. Springfield College	1
English Dept. Head H.S.	Ronald L. Fenerty	M.Ed. University of N.H. 1969	12
English	Stephen Voltero	B.S. Merrimack College 1962	9

DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL STAFF (Continued)

Position	Name	Training	Total Years at Pentucket
English	Cornelia E. Wolfe	B.A. Boston University	Retired 8/30/73
English	John J. McKittrick	A.B. Lowell State College 1965 M.S. University of N.H. 1973	8
English Dept. Head Jr. H.	Albert E. Belanger	B.S. Salem State College 1961	7
English	Janice A. Fowler	B.S. Northeastern University 1976	6
English	William J. Martin	B.S. Northeastern University	7
English	Dorothy A. Rostosky	B.S. Lyndon Teachers College 1963	6
English	Constance L. Fall	B.S. Salem State College 1968	Leave of Absence
English	Helen M. Bresnahan	A.B. Marymount College 1968 M.A. Wesleyan University	4
English	Karen A. Wheeler	A.B. Simons College 1967	3
English	Mary K. Gaffney	B.S. Boston College 1963	2
English	Lawrence W. Faye	B.A. Merrimack College	1
English	Jeffrey L. Hogan	B.A. University of N.H. 1969 M.A. University of N.H. 1971	2
English	Susan J. Noyes	B.A. Bridgewater State 1972	Began 9/1/73
English	Mary E. Parry	B.S. Salem State 1960	3
English	Antonio J. Marino, Jr.	B.A. Westfield State College 1966	Began 9/1/73
Reading	William B. Normand	M.Ed. Salem State College 1966	3
Reading	H. June Denault	B.S. Salem State College 1970	3

Reading	Kathleen Owens	B.A. Emmanuel College 1962	4
Reading	Marijane V. Natalie	B.S. Boston College M.Ed. Salem State College 1973	1
Reading	Catherine L. Conklin	B.A. Salem State College 1970	2
Language Dept. Head	Richard H. Olson	B.A. St. Lawrence University 1966 M.A. Middlebury College 1967	3
Latin, English	Richard L. Canepa	B.A. Brown University 1962 M.Ed. Salem State College 1967	9
French	Roger Roy	B.A. Marist College 1964	8
French	John E. Durant	A.B. St. Anselm's College 1963	5
Lab. Assistant	Simone Zalewski	Cour Complementair Commercial, Paris	10
Spanish-French	Linda H. Beaton	B.A. Trinity University 1964	Leave of Absence
Spanish	Hazel W. Owen	A.B. Boston University 1941	10
German	Mary C. Daly	B.A. Cornell University 1966 M.A.T. Harvard University 1967	Resigned 6/4/73
Phys. Science Dept. H.	Robert F. Knights	M.Ed. Harvard University	15
Biological Science Dept. Head	Melvin H. Pollack	B.S. Boston University 1958	15
Biology	Judith Ann Donahue	A.B. Merrimack College 1970	1
Science	Joseph J. Derro, Jr.	B.S. North Carolina State 1954 M.Ed. Salem State College 1966	15
Science	Dudley W. Baldwin	B.S. Mass. College of Pharmacy 1957 M.S. Worcester Polytechnic Institute 1972	9
Science Dept. Head, Jr. H.	Robert E. Anton	B.S. University of Mass. 1957	8

DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL STAFF (Continued)

Position	Name	Training	Total Years at Pentucket
Science	James C. Connors	M.Ed. Boston University 1971	8
Science	Mildred E. Kelley	M.Ed. University of Maine 1971	5.5
Science	Edward W. Monroe	B.S. Salem State College 1967	4
Science	Stephen H. Meline	A.B. Boston University 1970	3
Science	Walter D. Clark	B.S. Texas A. & M. University 1963	3
Science	Harold W. Hutchins	B.A. University of N.H. 1968	2.5
Social Studies Dept. Hd. Sr. H.S.	Joseph Sherry	M.Ed. Salem State College 1967	10
Social Studies	Herman T. Diehl, Jr.	B.S. University of Maine 1961	5
Social Studies Dept. Hd. Jr. H.S.	Minas Dalos	M.Ed. Salem State College 1969	10
Social Studies	Marilyn Hershfield	M.A. Boston University 1946	6
Social Studies	Gerry J. Hull	A.B. University of Mass. 1965 M.A. Salem State College 1971	8
Social Studies	Darrell R. Ferguson	M.A. University of Idaho	Resigned 6/30/73
Social Studies	Robert P. Ruszkowski	B.S. Salem State Teachers' College '65	8
Social Studies	David G. Buckley	B.A. Gordon College 1963	7
Social Studies	George P. Michaleas	B.S. Salem State College 1966	6
Social Studies	Stephen E. Denihan	A.B. Merrimack College 1963	4
Social Studies	David E. Morse	B.S. Springfield College 1968	5

Social Studies	Wayne C. Sylvester	B.A. Bridgewater State 1969 M.S. University of Wisconsin 1971	2
Social Studies	F. Stanley Keehlwetter	A.B. Gordon College 1969	Resigned 6/30/73
Social Studies	William H. Claffey	B.S. Salem State College 1973	Began 9/1/73
Social Studies	Richard W. Dower	A.B. State College at Westfield 1970	Began 9/1/73
Math Dept. Head, H.S.	Arnold G. Zins	B.A. Amherst College 1964	14
Math Dept. Head, Jr. H.	Raymond L. MacNeil	M.Ed. Salem State College 1967	11
Mathematics	Alan L. Mason	B.S. Salem State College 1965	6
Mathematics	David D. Moore	M.S. Clarkson College 1970	6
Mathematics	David H. Bickum	M.Ed. Western Conn. State College 1969	4
Mathematics	Janice M. Hegan	B.A. Salem State College 1970	3
Mathematics	Nancy A. Allison	B.Ed. Bridgewater State 1964 M.S. Clarkson University	5
Mathematics	George J. DeLawrence	B.S. Salem State College 1958	5
Mathematics	Nelda I. Krukonis	B.S. Salem State College 1970	3
Mathematics	Joyce E. Young	B.Ed. Plymouth State College 1968	5
Mathematics	Dana B. Allison	B.A. Salem State College 1970	2
Mathematics	Dianne P. Freije	B.S. Salem State College 1972	1
Math/Science	John J. McGovern	B.S. Northeastern Univesity 1967	Resigned 6/30/73
Math/Science	Mary Eileen Clark	A.B. Bridgewater State College 1973	Began 9/1/73
Business Dept. Head	John D. Ricker	B.E. Plymouth State College 1965	5
Business	William T. Loughlin	B.B.S. New Hampshire College 1966	6
Business	Donna Lynch	B.S. Salem State College 1969	4
Business	Kathleen M. Guenette	B.S. Salem State College 1970	3

DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL STAFF (Continued)

Position	Name	Training	Total Years at Pentucket
Industrial Arts Woodworking	James D. Schultz	B.S. Fitchburg State College 1961	12
Industrial Arts, Dept. Head Mechanical Drawing	Donald L. Pinciaro	B.S. Fitchburg State College 1964	9
Industrial Arts, Dept. Head Jr. H.	Michael A. Babin	B.Ed. Keene Teachers College 1965 M.Ed. Fitchburg State College 1973	5
Industrial Arts	Daniel T. McCarthy	B.S. Fitchburg State College 1969	4
Industrial Arts	Gene A. Pisano	B.A. North Adams State College M.Ed. Fitchburg State College	3
Home Economics Dept. Hd.	Mary V. Coder	B.S. Simmons College 1941	7
Home Economics	Jean H. Lowe	B.S. Framingham State College 1969	4
Home Economics	Lynn M. Drummey	B.S. University of Colorado 1963	2
Vocal Music	Frank T. Esile	M. Lowell State College 1970	10
Music and Band	Robert W. Howard	B.S. Lowell State College 1962	7
Vocal Music	Leon E. Renaud	B.S. Music Ed. Lowell State College 1962	7
Art Dept. Head	Nancy A. Norton	M.A.T. Assumption College 1962	7
Art	Diana M. Leigh	B.F.A. George School Fine Arts 1955	Resigned 6/30/73
Art	Diane Pichette	B.S. University of N.H. 1969	Resigned 6/30/73
Art	Verna P. Barrett	B.A. University of Minnesota	Resigned 6/30/73
Art	Peter Bodge	B.A. University of N.H. 1960	Began 9/1/73

DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL STAFF (Continued)

Position	Name	Training	Total Years at Pentucket
Art	Mary Ann Varoski	B.F.A. Nathaniel Hawthorne College 1970	Began 9/1/73
Art/Home Economics	Susan M. Dougherty	B.A. Michigan State University 1967	Began 9/1/73
Librarian - Sr. H.S.	Ruth N. Parker	A.B. Coker College 1942	14
Librarian - Jr. H.S.	Sheila M. Callahan	B.A. Lowell State College 1971	1
Special Education	Roberta Kirk	B.S. Fitchburg State College 1972	Position Terminated
Work-Study	Frank J. Orlando	B.A. Salem State College 1970	3
Speech Therapist	Susan Foley	B.S. Spalding College, Ky. 1972	Began 9/1/73
Specific Learning Disabilities	Ann Marie L. Smith	B.S. American International Coll. 1973	Began 9/1/73

CLASS OF 1973 GRADUATES – MERRIMAC

Allen, Jeanne
Billups, Anne
Buckley, Paul
Chalifour, Leslie
Chipman, Harriet
Cogswell, Deborah
Conn, Lorrie
Connor, Kevin
Connor, Pamela
Curry, Donald
Dakers, Alan
Dam, Daniel
Dame, Cheryl
Deady, Susan
Deminie, Kevin
Dewhirst, Mari Beth
Doughty, Paul
Dube, James
Dudley, Stephen
Gariepy, Linda
Giard, Peter
Gosselin, Karen
Grasso, Gail
Greeley, Margaret
Griffith, Reid
Hamilton, Holly
Hart, David
High, James
Hoyt, Pamela
Isabelle, Debra
Labbe, Anita
Lambert, Patricia
LeBrun, Janis
Lewis, Marie
MacLeod, Kathleen
Massey, Kevin
Matheson, Peter
Mead, Cynthia
Mears, Roger
Nolan, Linda
Parker, Kim
Pendleton, Cynthia
Perkins, Jeffrey
Potter, Debra
Potter, F. Kathryne
Randall, Karol
Randall, Kirk
Reddick, Harold
Robinson, Charles
Sande, Gunnar
Sargent, Ruth
Slye, Gordon
Smith, Ann
Smith, Keith
Smith, Marianne
Smith, Michael
Souther, Laurie
Thomas, Jeanne
Thomas, Kathy
Villeneuve, Nils
Wagland, Margaret
Winne, Ellen
Winne, Susan
Wise, Patti
Witham, Lisa
Zinck, Bruce

1973 - 1974
SCHOOL CALENDAR

PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL

1973		
September		
4	Tuesday	Orientation
5	Wednesday	School opens for Pupils
October		
8	Monday	Holiday - no school Columbus Day
22	Monday	Holiday - no school Veterans Day
November		
9	Friday	Schools closed - Teachers' In-Service 7-12
		Ends 1st quarter - 45 days
21	Wednesday	Schools close at noon for
		Thanksgiving holiday
26	Monday	Schools open
December		
21	Friday	Schools close end-of-day for
		the Christmas holidays
1974		
January		
2	Wednesday	Schools open
25	Friday	Ends 2nd quarter - 46 days
February		
15	Friday	Schools close for Winter vacation
25	Monday	Schools open
April		
12	Friday	Schools closed - Good Friday
		Start of Spring vacation
		Ends 3rd quarter - 49 days
22	Monday	Schools open
May		
27	Monday	Schools closed - Memorial Day Observance
June		
7	Friday	Last day for Seniors
7	Friday	Baccalaureate - 8:00 p.m.
9	Sunday	Graduation - 4:00 p.m.
17, 18, 19		Final Exams
20	Thursday	Last day of School (half-day)
		Ends 4th quarter - 43 days

(183 days) Final school day ends at completion of 180 school days.

PENTUCKET REGIONAL DISTRICT 1975 BUDGET

	Details on Page	1973 Appropriated	1974 Appropriated	Total 1973-74 Appropriated	1975 Request
1000 SERIES – ADMINISTRATION					
1100 SCHOOL COMMITTEE					
311 Salaries, Professional	1	$ 4,600.00	$ 2,300.00	$ 6,900.00	$ 4,760.00
313 Maintenance of Quarters	1	1,200.00	1,200.00	2,400.00	see 4000 ser.
314 Contracted Services	1	5,320.00	2,660.00	7,980.00	5,320.00
315 Supplies and Materials	1	500.00	250.00	750.00	600.00
316 Other Expense	1	950.00	300.00	1,250.00	800.00
1200 SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE					
311 Salaries, Professional	2	30,831.00	17,675.00	48,506.00	35,525.00
312 Salaries, Office	2	16,850.00	9,798.00	26,648.00	21,000.00
314 Contracted Services	2	200.00	100.00	300.00	600.00
215 Supplies and Materials	2	1,500.00	800.00	2,300.00	2,000.00
316 Other Expense	2	900.00	650.00	1,550.00	1,400.00
2000 SERIES – INSTRUCTION					
2100 SUPERVISION					
311 Supervision: Salaries, Prof.	3	20,943.00	10,986.00	31,929.00	22,436.00
315 Supplies and Materials	3	600.00	300.00	900.00	1,208.00

2200 PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE					
311 Administrative Salaries	4	70,101.00	36,532.00	106,633.00	75,640.00
312 Office Clerical Salaries	4	22,500.00	11,813.00	34,313.00	26,200.00
314 Contracted Services	4	6,300.00	4,917.00	11,217.00	7,200.00
315 Supplies and Materials	4	7,866.00	4,650.00	12,516.00	8,016.00
316 Other Expense	5	1,980.00	1,505.00	3,485.00	2,295.00
2300 TEACHING					
311 Salaries, Professional	6	995,443.00	578,616.00	1,574,059.00	1,096,525.00
312 Salaries, Non-Professional	7	22,584.00	15,636.00	38,220.00	24,050.00
314.1 Special Education Tuition	7	4,100.00	4,100.00	8,200.00	Schedule B
314.2 Contracted Services	7	3,835.00	2,000.00	5,835.00	4,542.00
361 Summer School Salaries	7	500.00	None	500.00	100.00
315 Supplies and Materials	8	44,000.00	16,000.00	60,000.00	58,113.00
316 Teacher Travel and Dues	9	3,321.00	1,400.00	4,721.00	2,371.00
2400 TEXTBOOKS					
315 Textbooks and Workbooks	10	22,500.00	4,000.00	26,500.00	24,556.00
2500 LIBRARY AND INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA					
311 Salaries, Professional	11	20,197.00	13,752.00	33,949.00	22,737.00
312 Salaries, Non-Professional	11	11,232.00	7,485.00	18,717.00	12,000.00
314 Contracted Services (Rebind)	11	275.00	50.00	325.00	275.00
315 Supplies and Materials	11	4,000.00	1,000.00	5,000.00	4,219.00
316 Other Expense	11	218.00	50.00	268.00	228.00

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2600 AUDIO-VISUAL (INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA)					
315 Supplies and Materials	12	9,000.00	2,000.00	11,000.00	12,970.00
2700 GUIDANCE SERVICES					
311 Salaries, Professional	12	61,862.00	40,182.00	102,044.00	68,621.00
312 Salaries, Secretaries	12	10,536.00	5,500.00	16,036.00	10,450.00
314 Contracted Services	12	200.00	100.00	300.00	600.00
315 Supplies and Materials	12	1,778.00	950.00	2,728.00	1,324.00
316 Other Expense	12	818.00	600.00	1,418.00	730.00
3000 SERIES – OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES					
3100 ATTENDANCE					
313 Salaries, Non-Professional	13	625.00	375.00	1,000.00	700.00
3200 HEALTH SERVICES					
311 Salaries, Professional	13	15,185.00	11,000.00	26,185.00	16,900.00
315 Supplies and Materials	13	300.00	180.00	480.00	300.00
316 Other Expenses (Travel)	13	100.00	50.00	150.00	100.00
3310 OPERATION OF SCHOOL BUSES					
313 Salaries, Non–Professional Police Duty	14	600.00	360.00	960.00	600.00

3370 TRANSPORTATION					
CONTRACTED SERVICES	14	155,478.00	111,725.00	267,203.00	155,195.00
3400 FOOD SERVICES					
313 Salaries, Non-Professional	14	5,600.00	4,083.00	9,683.00	10,470.00
3510 ATHLETICS					
311 Salaries, Professional	15	20,850.00	13,900.00	34,750.00	20,900.00
314 Contracted Services	16	7,690.00	5,140.00	12,830.00	10,195.00
315 Supplies and Materials	17	7,620.00	2,460.00	10,080.00	8,464.00
316 Other Expenses: Mem. Dues	17	399.00	260.00	659.00	360.00
316.1 Revolving Fund Deficit	17	1,150.00	600.00	1,750.00	446.00
3520 OTHER STUDENT BODY ACTIVITIES					
311 Salaries, Professional	18	2,250.00	1,380.00	3,630.00	3,100.00
314 Contracted Services	18	1,580.00	1,000.00	2,580.00	1,580.00
315 Supplies	18	102.00	102.00	204.00	102.00
4000 SERIES – OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT					
4110 CUSTODIAL SERVICES					
313 Salaries, Non-Professional	19	92,784.00	47,639.00	140,423.00	101,225.00
315 Supplies and Materials	19	7,600.00	6,500.00	14,100.00	8,000.00
4120 HEAT OF BUILDINGS	20	20,000.00	12,000.00	32,000.00	29,040.00

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4130 UTILITY SERVICES					
315 Supplies and Materials	20	26,600.00	14,900.00	41,500.00	38,300.00
4210 MAINTENANCE OF GROUNDS					
313 Salaries, Non-Professional	20	5,000.00	2,500.00	7,500.00	6,670.00
314 Contracted Services	20	11,000.00	6,100.00	17,100.00	10,000.00
315 Supplies and Materials	20	2,000.00	500.00	2,500.00	2,200.00
4220 MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS					
313 Salaries, Non-Professional	21	9,600.00	4,900.00	14,500.00	11,980.00
314 Contracted Services	21	17,125.00	7,780.00	24,905.00	19,450.00
315 Supplies and Materials	21	5,000.00	2,000.00	7,000.00	6,000.00
316 Other Expense	21	400.00	200.00	600.00	450.00
4230 MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT					
314 Contracted Services	22	7,308.00	3,150.00	10,458.00	8,400.00
315 Supplies and Materials	22	750.00	250.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
5000 SERIES – FIXED CHARGES					
5100					
316 Employment Retirement (Essex Cty.)	23	28,000.00	30,000.00	58,000.00	35,920.00

5200					
316 Insurance Program	23	38,000.00	19,000.00	57,000.00	38,000.00
5300					
318 Rental	23	1,000.00	1,500.00	2,500.00	None
5400					
317 Debt Service (Current Loans)	23	9,000.00	4,500.00	13,500.00	9,000.00
7000 SERIES – ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS					
7300 ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT					
318 Library Books - Junior High	24	4,000.00	500.00	4,500.00	4,100.00
318 Equipment - Junior High	24	10,412.00	500.00	10,912.00	5,479.00
318 Library Books - Senior High	26	4,000.00	500.00	4,500.00	2,200.00
318 Equipment - Senior High	26	29,000.00	1,000.00	30,000.00	14,049.00
7400 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT	29	11,462.00	500.00	11,962.00	16,302.00
8000 SERIES – DEBT SERVICE AND RETIREMENT					
8100					
317 Debt Retirement (Principal, Long Term)	32	195,000.00	50,000.00	245,000.00	195,000.00
8200					
317 Debt Service (Interest, Long Term)	32	71,037.00	32,202.50	103,240.00	58,422.50

	Details on Page	1973 Appropriated	1974 Appropriated	Total 1973-74 Appropriated	1975 Request
		SCHEDULE B			
2300 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES					
311-B Teaching, Professional Salaries					19,100.00
314-B Psychological Testing					500.00
3200 HEALTH SERVICES					
314-B Contracted					500.00
3300 TRANSPORTATION					
314-B Contracted					10,000.00
7300 ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT					
318-B Equipment					1,513.00
9000 OTHER SCHOOL PROGRAMS					
314-B Tuition Payments					21,000.00
		2,235,147.50	1,201,093.50	3,436,241.00	2,462,623.50

PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
1975 BUDGET

COST DISTRIBUTION

Student Enrollments, by Towns and Percentage of Enrollment

	Oct. 1 1973		1973-4 % of Total	1975 % of Total
Groveland	708	=	46.0760%	46.7327%
Merrimac	489	=	34.1139%	32.2772%
West Newbury	318	=	19.8101%	20.9901%
	1515	=	100.0000%	100.0000%

Budget of 1975		$2,462,623.50
Less:		
Transfer from Excess & Deficiency	$30,000.50	
Estimated Receipts	260,413.00	
Total used to decrease 1975 assess.		290,413.50
Total to be raised		2,172,210.00

Assessments to Towns, based on Agreement

	1973-4 As revised 2/26/73	1975
Groveland's Share	$1,447.015.68	$1,015,132.00
Merrimac's Share	1,071,345.79	701,129.00
West Newbury's Share	622,135.53	455,949.00
	$3,140,497.00	$2,172,210.00

PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

TREASURER'S REPORT

Reconciliation of Cash

Cash Balance January 1, 1973		183,772.82
RECEIPTS		
Assessments to the Towns	2,355,372.72	
Comm. of Mass. Reimbursements	274,338.47	
U.S. Government Grants	19,722.31	
Payroll Deductions	519,668.41	
School Lunch Program Funds	118,284.42	
Athletic Program Fund	5,462.24	
Tuition	7,650.00	
Rent	517.50	
Miscellaneous Revenues	14,342.86	
Refunds	535.48	
Jr. High Roof Repair Fund	61,000.00	
Certif. Maturing in 1973	63,000.00	
Int. on Certif. of Deposit	5,263.23	
Sale of Rev. Anticipation Loans	850,000.00	4,295,157.64
		4,478,930.46
EXPENDITURES		
Maintenance and Operation	1,871,372.66	
Amortization - Debt & Interest	266,037.50	
Payroll Deduction Payments	508,552.93	
School Lunch Program Fund	109,470.89	
Athletic Program Fund	6,351.02	
Public Law No. 874	680.76	
Public Law No. 89-10 Title II	2,090.65	
Public Law No. 89-10 Title II Special Purpose	2,306.64	
Estimated Receipts	382.97	
Revenue Anticipation Notes	1,000,000.00	
Jr. High Roof Repair Fund	1,502.62	
Purch. of Certif. of Deposits	213,000.00	3,981,748.64
Cash Balance Dec. 31, 1973		497,181.82

RECEIPTS

TOWN ASSESSMENTS:		
Groveland	1,085,261.76	
Merrimac	803,509.32	
West Newbury	466,601.64	2,355,372.72
COMM. OF MASS. REIMBURSEMENTS:		
Construction Grants	200,648.00	
Transportation	68,705.28	
Tuition State Wards	4,985.19	274,338.47
U.S. GOVERNMENT GRANTS:		
Public Law No. 874	15,018.00	
Public Law No. 89-10 Title II	2,054.31	
Public Law No. 89-10 Spec. Purpose	2,650.00	19,722.31
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS:		
Pioneer Credit Union	160,584.50	
Mass. Teachers Retirement Fund	57,347.06	
Essex Cty. Retirement Fund	10,657.97	
Federal Withholding Tax	208,787.01	
Mass. Withholding Tax	55,394.37	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	18,647.83	
Life Insurance	431.18	
United Fund	459.72	
Mutual of N.Y. Insurance	2,340.00	
N.Y. Life Insurance	998.40	
Horace Mann Insurance	624.00	
Continental Insurance	47.10	
Knights of Columbus Ins.	300.04	
P.A.T. Dues	3,049.23	519,668.41
SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM FUND:		
Sale of Food	72,507.53	
U.S.D.A. Reimbursements	45,776.89	118,284.42
ATHLETIC PROGRAM FUND:		
Sale of Tickets		5,462.24
TUITION:		
Payment of out of Town Students		7,650.00

RENT:		
Rental of Cafeteria and Auditorium		517.50
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES:		
Industrial Arts Fees	641.33	
Commission of Pay Phone	110.89	
Locker Key Receipts	40.60	
Sale of Books	255.35	
Vending machine receipts	117.20	
Driver Ed. Fees	3,970.00	
Payment for Broken Glass	60.00	
Reimbursement for Gym Locks	142.00	
Reimbursement for Jackets	16.50	
Reimbursement for Phone Calls	7.25	
Reimb. for Athletic Equip.	25.95	
Reimb. for Postage	2.91	
Reimb. for Lost Uniforms	35.50	
Reimb. for 1972 Overpayment	127.00	
Reimb. for Safety Glasses	48.80	
Rebate of Interest Paid	19.17	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield Adjust.	8,430.00	
Insurance Adjustment	292.41	14,342.86
Refunds:		535.48
Jr. High Roof Repair Fund		61,000.00
Certif. of Deposit Maturing 73		63,000.00
Int. Earnings on Certif. of Deposits		5,263.23
TEMPORARY LOANS:		
Sale of Rev. Anticipation Notes		
Jan. 19, 1973 - 122 day note	400,000.00	
March 30, 1973 - 237 day note	300,000.00	
July 18, 1973 - 36 day note	150,000.00	850,000.00
Total Receipts Yr. Ended 12/31/73		4,295,157.64

EXPENDITURES
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION

ADMINISTRATION

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:	
Salaries, Professional	4,170.10
Maintenance of Quarters	976.24
Contracted Services	616.70
Supplies & Materials	280.55
Other Expenses	688.44
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE:	
Salaries, Professional	27,300.59
Salaries, Office	16,436.70
Contracted Services	310.30
Supplies & Materials	1,703.18
Other Expenses	1,361.54

INSTRUCTION

SUPERVISION:	
Salaries, Professional	20,400.42
Supplies & Materials	280.94
PRINCIPALS' OFFICE:	
Administrative Salaries	69,431.58
Clerical Salaries	22,500.14
Contracted Services	3,205.39
Supplies & Materials	3,859.75
Other Expenses	1,960.77
TEACHING:	
Salaries, Professional	930,755.33
Teaching, Substitutes	20,321.60
Teaching Tuition Reimb.	3,687.00
Special Education	13,182.25
Salaries, Non-Professional	18,220.75
Summer School Salaries	0
Contracted Services	1,928.75
Supplies & Materials	32,877,12
Travel & Dues	1,425.55
TEXTBOOKS & WORKBOOKS:	17,208.75

LIBRARY/INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA:	
Salaries, Professional	20,467.78
Salaries, Aides	10,695.88
Contracted Services	251.20
Supplies & Materials	4,060.91
Other Expenses	89.75
AUDIO VISUAL:	
Supplies & Materials	5,975.34
GUIDANCE:	
Salaries, Professional	61,949.74
Salaries, Secretaries	10,521.45
Contracted Services	156.80
Supplies & Materials	1,208.98
Other Expenses	85.10

OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

ATTENDANCE:	
Salaries, Non-Professional	625.00
HEALTH SERVICES:	
Salaries, Professional	14,880.22
Supplies & Materials	120.23
Other Expenses	96.10
OPERATION OF SCHOOL BUSES:	
Salaries, Non-Professional	498.00
TRANS. CONTRACTED SERVICES:	133,235.00
FOOD SERVICES:	
Salaries, Non-Professional	5,749.18
ATHLETICS:	
Salaries, Professional	20,400.83
Contracted Services	7,116.70
Supplies & Materials	6,730.23
Athletics, Other Expenses	465.00
Revolving Fund Deficit	608.60

OTHER STUDENT BODY ACTIVITIES:	
Salaries, Professional	2,373.30
Contracted Services	978.90
Supplies	90.50
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	
CUSTODIAL SERVICES:	
Salaries, Non-Professional	91,760.58
Supplies & Materials	6,820.95
HEAT OF BUILDINGS:	18,038.65
UTILITY SERVICES:	29,404.57
MAINTENANCE OF GROUNDS:	
Contracted Services	9,823.17
Salaries, Non-Professional	4,127.03
Supplies & Materials	1,326.71
MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS:	
Salaries, Non-Professional	9,332.90
Contracted Services	21,707.32
Supplies & Materials	6,120.20
Other Expenses	350.00
MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT:	
Contracted Services	6,210.77
Supplies & Materials	473.36
FIXED CHARGES	
EMPLOYMENT RETIREMENT	35,920.00
INSURANCE PROGRAM	32,978.12
RENTAL	500.00
DEBT SERVICE	11,509.70
ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS	
ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT:	
Library Books: Jr. H.S.	1,918.53

Equipment: Jr. H.S.	6,297.32	
Library Books: Sr. H.S.	3,611.61	
Equipment: Sr. H.S.	29,200.98	
REPLACEMENT OF EQUIP.	9,809.35	
APPROP. TO PAY 72 BILLS	9,609.67	1,871,372.66
AMORTIZATION:		
Payment of Principal	195,000.00	
Payment of Interest	71,037.50	266,037.50
Payroll Deduction Payments:		
Pioneer Credit Union	160,584.50	
Mass. Teachers Retirement Fund	52,672.58	
Essex Cty. Retirement Fund	9,795.32	
Federal Withholding Tax	208,787.01	
Mass. Withholding Tax	50,845.38	
United Fund	234.82	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	17,105.62	
Life Insurance	393.62	
Mutual of N.Y. Insurance	2,535.00	
N.Y. Life Insurance	1,360.00	
Horace Mann Insurance	700.00	
Continental Insurance	164.85	
Knights of Columbus Ins.	325.00	
P.A.T. Dues	3,049.23	508,552.93
School Lunch Program Fund:		
Salaries	37,806.91	
Food	64,944.80	
Other	6,719.18	109,470.89
Athletic Program Fund:		
Payrolls	4,832.28	
Equipment	661.80	
Dues and Travel	281.92	
Newburyport share of Football Game played at Pentucket	574.92	6,351.02

Public Law No. 874:		
Purchase of Film		680.76
Public Law No. 89-10 Title II:		
Subscriptions		2,090.65
Public Law No. 89-10 Special Purpose		
Library Books		2,306.64
Estimated Receipts:		
Refund of Driver Ed. Fees	6.00	
Refund of Payt. for Broken Glass	3.75	
Refund of Tuition Payment	373.22	382.97
Jr. High Roof Repair Fund:		1,502.62
Purch. of Certif. of Deposits:		213,000.00
Revenue Anticipation Notes:		
Note due Jan. 21, 1973	150,000.00	
Note due May 22, 1973	400,000.00	
Note due Nov. 21, 1973	300,000.00	
Note due Aug. 22, 1973	150,000.00	1,000,000.00
Total Expense Yr. Ended 12/31/73		3,981,748.64

PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1970

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash:		
General	497,181.82	
Petty	50.00	497,231.82
Certif. of Deposit		150,000.00
Town Assessments:		
Groveland	361,753.92	
Merrimac	267,836.47	
West Newbury	155,533.89	785,124.28
Estimated Receipts to be collected		854,980.33

LIABILITIES

Town Assessment Revenue	785,124.28
Maintenance & Operation	1,226,521.84
Maturing Debt	50,000.00
Interest on Maturing Debt	32,202.50
Revolving Funds:	
School Lunch Fund	9,887.83
Athletic Program Fund	2,694.86
Reserve for Petty Cash	50.00
Tailings-Unclaimed Checks	194.83
Jr. High Roof Repair Fund	61,997.43
Public Law No. 874	36,912.24
Public Law No. 89-10 Title II	25.07
Public Law No. 89-10 Special Purpose	345.01
Teachers Retirement	4,674.48
Essex County Retirement	862.65
Mass. Withholding Tax	4,548.39
United Fund	224.90
Mutual of N.Y. Ins.	115.00

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
		N.Y. Life Insurance	73.60
		Horace Mann Insurance	18.00
		Knights of Columbus Ins.	9.66
		Blue Cross-Blue Shield	1,558.67
		Life Insurance	38.60
		Surplus Revenue	69,256.59
	2,287,336.43		2,287,336.43

DEBT ACCOUNTS

		School Construction Loans:	
Net Funded or Fixed Debt:	1,655,000.00	January 15, 1957	200,000.00
		December 1, 1957	160,000.00
		December 15, 1965	600,000.00
		December 15, 1966	695,000.00
	1,655,000.00		1,655,000.00

Sydney A. O'Neill, Treasurer

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Report of the

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MERRIMAC, MASSACHUSETTS

1973

A summary of recommendations to be presented at
the Annual Town Meeting in Red Oak School

FEBRUARY 26, 1973

.24%	Recreation
.51%	Cemeteries
.70%	Veteran's Benefits
.94%	Library
1.32%	Pensions
1.56%	Health
2.31%	General Gov't.
2.40%	Public Service
3.15%	Unclassified
3.48%	Maturing Debt. & Int.
4.69%	Highways
5.14%	Protection
73.56%	SCHOOLS

Whittier Vo-Tech	6.71%
Pentucket Reg.	36.58%
Local Schools	30.27%

Recap of Reserve Fund

Appropriation	$7,000.00
Transferred to:	
Printing Town Report	$ 386.20
Water Department	6,000.00
Dog Officer Expense	150.00
Police Department	463.80
	$7,000.00

Item #	Expended 1972		Recommended for 18mos
		GENERAL GOVERNMENT 2.31% of Total	
		Moderator	
1	$ 12.	Salary	$ 18.00
		Finance Committee	
2	378.	Expenses	750.00
		Selectmen	
3	1,697.	Salaries	2,700.00
4	2,100.	Clerical Assistance	3,324.00
5	899.	Expenses	1,500.00
		Accountant	
6	5,918.	Salary	11,724.00
7	326.	Clerical Assistance	650.00
8	100.	Expense	150.00
		Treasurer	
9	1,200.	Salary	1,800.00
10	399.	Clerical Assistance	600.00
11	1,394.	Expense	4,710.00
		Tax Collector	
12	2,500	Salary	3,750.00
13	339	Clerical Assistance	700.00
14	1,289	Expense	3,400.00
		Assessors	
15	1,800	Salary	2,700.00
16	2,800.	Clerical Assistance	5,460.00
17	2,200	Expense	4,410.00
		Legal Suits & Expense	
18	1,500	Salary - Town Counsel	2,650.00
19	1,721	Expense	4,500.00
		Town Clerk	
20	1,000	Salary	1,500.00
21	493	Expense	826.75
		Registrars	
22	300	Salaries	600.00
23	585	Expense	515.25
24	400	Census Taker	800.00

Item #	Expended 1972		Recommended for 18mos.
		Election Officers	
25	$ 646	Wages	$ 552.00
26	64	Expense	46.00
		Planning Board	
27	70	Expenses	800.00
		Appeals Board	
28	35	Clerical Assistance	100.00
29	114	Expense	300.00
30	599	Bonding Town Officers	1,256.00
		Town Hall	
31	840	Janitor Salary	1,260.00
32	3,800	Maintenance	6,550.00
	$ 37,518	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	$70,602.00
		PROTECTION 5.14% of Total	
		Police	
33	10,253	Salaries - Chief	19,650.00
34	2,394	Sergeant	14,175.00
35	23,589	Patrolmen	52,440.00
36	16,535	Specials	7,500.00
37	3,037	Clerk	7,000.00
38		Crossing guards	3,510.00
39	10,028	Expense	19,275.00
	$ 65,836		$123,550.00
		Fire	
40	1,300	Salaries - Engineers	1,800.00
41	7,600	Wages - Firemen	8,700.00
42	4,543	Expense	7,775.00
43	200	Forest Fire Wardens	300.00
	$ 13,643	TOTAL FIRE	$ 18,575.00
		Gas Inspector	
44	350	Salary	475.00
45	125	Expense	168.00
		Wiring Inspector	
46	350	Salary	525.00
47	50	Expense	75.00
		Building Inspector	
48	300	Salary	450.00

Item #	Expended 1972		Recommended for 18mos.
		Oil Burner Inspecor	
49	$ 150	Salary	$ 225.00
50	50	Expense	75.00
51	12	Housing Authority Expense	- - -
52		Town Forest	75.00
		Tree Warden	
53	300	Salary	450.00
54	2,500	Expense	3,750.00
		Moth	
55	530	Salary	- - -
56	570	Expense	1,650.00
57	1,569	Dutch Elm Expense	3,000.00
58	223	New Trees	750.00
59	1,000	Stump Removal	1,500.00
		Dog Officer	
60	300	Salary	450.00
61	610	Expense	975.00
		Civil Defense	
62	300	Salary (not recommended)	
63	455	Expense (not recommended)	
	$ 89,223	TOTAL PROTECTION	$ 156,718.00
		HEALTH & SANITATION 1.56% of Total	
64	854	Board of Health Expense	2,400.00
		Health Nurse	
65	1,800	Salary	3,000.00
66	31	Expense	300.00
67	300	Plumbing Inspector Salary	450.00
68	300	Sewerage Inspector Salary	450.00
69	0	Vital Statistics	360.00
		Animal Inspector	
70	100	Salary	150.00
71	10	Expense	15.00

Item #	Expended 1972			Recommended for 18 mos.
		Milk Inspector		
72	$ 25	Salary		$ 40.00
73	10	Expense		15.00
		Dump Maintenance		
74	5,128	Salary		8,306.27
75	4,663	Expense		32,250.00
	$ 13,221	TOTAL HEALTH & SANITATION		$ 47,736.27
		HIGHWAYS 4.69% of Total		
76	9,242	Salary - Superintendent		
77	21,331	Wages		
78	53,212	Expense		
79	8,393	Thickly Settled - Art.#6	appro.	13,500.00
80	5,000	Road Machinery - Art. #5	appro.	4,950.00
			transf.	3,142.95
81	14,448	Chapter 81 - Art.#7	appro.	9,750.00
			transf.	13,612.50
82	1,131	Chapter 90 Const.Art.#8	appro.	6,000.00
			transf.	18,000.00
83	1,500	Chapter 90 Maint.Art.#9	appro.	3,000.00
			transf.	750.00
84	27,800	Snow & Washouts		50,000.00
85	1,218	Sidewalks Rails & Bridges		3,000.00
86	2,500	Repairs on Private Ways		3,750.00
87	7,203	Street Lights		13,547.00
88	14,592	Backhoe		- - -
	$ 83,785	TOTAL HIGHWAYS		$ 143,002.45
		VETERAN'S BENEFITS .70% of Total		
89	900	Service Officer - Salary		1,424.00
90	250	Expense		475.00
91	106	Care of Graves		188.00
92	720	Soldiers Benefits - Clerk		1,139.00
93	10,180	Expense		18,000.00
	$ 12,156	TOTAL VETERAN'S BENEFITS		$ 21,226.00
		SCHOOLS 73.56% of Total		
94	$ 422,374	Salaries & Wages		$ 767,342.00
95	46,820	Expense		80,408.00
96	6,029	Special Tuition & Transp.		11,070.00
97	27,480	Regular Transportation		48,088.00
	$ 502,703	Total Elementary Schools		
98	3,750	Lunch Program		6,890.00
99	17,483	Vocational Schools		9,100.00

ITEM #	Expended 1972		Recommended for 18 mos.
100	$ 602,139	Pentucket Regional Assesmt.	$ 1,115,011.79
	$1,126,075	TOTAL SCHOOLS	2,037,910.79
		WHITTIER SCHOOL 6.71% of Total	
101		Whittier Vo-Tech Share	204,555.00
		LIBRARY .94% of Total	
102	7,296	Salary - Librarian	11,631.00
103	6,346	Wages	10,808.00
104	8,371	Expense	6,080.00
	22,013	TOTAL LIBRARY	28,519.00
		RECREATION .24% of Total	
105	835	Playground - Wages	2,550.00
106	1,238	Expense	2,525.00
107	1,200	Supervised Play - Wages	1,380.00
108	21	Indian Head Park - Expenses	225.00
109	300	Christmas Parade	450.00
	3,594	TOTAL RECREATION	7,130.00
		PENSIONS 1.32% of Total	
110	27,814	Essex County Retirement System	39,256.00
111	1,568	Pension Bill	878.70
	29,382	TOTAL PENSIONS	40,135.70
		UNCLASSIFIED 3.15% of Total	
112	16,610	Insurance	28,889.02
113	9,388	Group Insurance	14,400.00
114	64	Ambulance Service	300.00
115	0	Tax Title Property Expense	75.00
116	358	Memorial Day	900.00
117	500	Rental American Legion Quarters	1,000.00
118	1,387	Printing Town Reports	3,000.00
119	425	Merrimack Valley Reg.Planning Dist.	1,273.50
120	6,426	Light in Town Buildings	13,803.00
121	506	Water in Town Buildings	891.00
122	5,000	Stabilization Fund	5,000.00
123	7,000	Reserve Fund	25,000.00
124	300	Light Commissioners Salary	450.00
125	300	Water Commissioners Salary	450.00
126	40	Conservation Commission	375.00
	48,264	TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED	95,806.52

Item #	Expended 1972		Recommended for 18 mos.
		WATER DEPT. 2.40% of Total	
127	$ 2,157	Salary - Manager	$ 5,875.00
128	3,600	Clerk	3,450.00
129	10,857	Wages	19,305.00
130	29,188	Expense	44,570.00
131	3,586	Repair Standpipe roof	
132	4,980	Driving & Testing wells	
133	1,900	Replacing Pipes	
	$56,268	TOTAL WATER	$ 73,200.00
		CEMETERIES .51% of Total	
134	6,410	Wages	14,000.00
135	1,590	Expense	1,500.00
136		Trustees Salary	225.00
	$ 8,000	TOTAL CEMETERIES	$ 15,725.00
		MATURING DEBT & INTEREST 3.48% of Total	
		DEBT:	
137	5,000	Elementary School Addition	10,000.00
138	45,000	Red Oak School	45,000.00
139	4,000	Water Meters	4,000.00
140	4,000	Fire Truck	4,000.00
		INTEREST	
141	25,019	Maturing Debts	32,833.10
142	5,235	Tax Anticipation Notes	10,500.00
	$88,254	TOTAL MATURING DEBT & INT.	$ 106,334.00

TOTAL BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS	3,013,093.79
TOTAL RECOMMENDED TRANSFERS	35,505.45
TOTAL SPECIAL ARTICLES	519,569.00

INTEREST ON ABOVE

Inside Debt Limit:

Fire truck	$ 165.60
School Addition	647.50
Water Meters	520.00
"Brox" building	813.00

Outside Debt Limit:

Red Oak School	31,500.00
Pentucket Regional School	14,982.57
	$ 48,628.57

SURPLUS REVENUE		$ 128,444.85
Personal 1972	$ 2,514.64	
Personal 1971	818.12	
Real 1972	41,018.94	
Real 1971	17,273.03	61,624.73
	FREE CASH $	66,820.12

BORROWING CAPACITY OF TOWN JANUARY 1, 1973

Real and Personal:

Valuation 1970 less abatements	$13,490,701.00
Valuation 1971 less abatements	13,699,965.00
Valuation 1972 less abatements	13,878,730.00

Motor Vehicle Excises:

Valuation 1970 less abatements	$ 1,894,379.00
Valuation 1971 less abatements	2,303,529.00
Valuation 1972 less abatements	1,213,021.00
Net valuation 3 yrs. less abatements	46,480,325.00
Average valuation 3 yrs. less abatements	15,493,441.00
5% thereof (Debt Limit)	774,672.00

EXISTING TOWN DEBT - INSIDE DEBT LIMIT

Fire truck (1968 - $20,000)	Balance	$ 4,000.00
School addition (1960 - $75,000)	Balance	15,000.00
Water meters (1966 - $40,000)	Balance	12,000.00
"Brox" building purchase		65,000.00
	Balance Inside Debt Limit	96,000.00
	Borrowing Capacity 1/1/73	678,672.00

EXISTING TOWN DEBT

Outside Debt Limit, Principal:

Red Oak School (1964 - $785,000)	Balance	$ 515,000.00
Pentucket Reg. School (1955)	Balance	631,107.15

Inside Debt Limit:

Fire truck (noted above)	Balance	$ 4,000.00
School addition (noted above)	Balance	15,000.00
Water meters (noted above)	Balance	12,000.00
"Brox" building purchase	Balance	65,000.00
		$ 1,242,107.15

RECOMMENDATIONS ON ARTICLES

1. Omnibus article on budget
   Recommended

2. Authorization for Town Treasurer, with approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money
   Recommended

3. Authorization for the Selectmen to sell any property taken by the Town until the 1974 town meeting
   Recommended

4. Authorize the Assessors to use a sum of money from "Free Cash" in the treasury toward the reduction of 1973 tax rate
   Recommended

5. To raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the maintenance of road machinery
   Recommended - Appropriate $4,950.00
   Transfer $3,142.95

6. To raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended on highway work on thickly settled streets
   Recommended - Appropriate $13,500.00

7. To raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 highway construction and maintenance
   Recommended - Appropriate $ 9,750.00
   Transfer $13,612.50

8. To raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, or borrow a sum of money for Chapter 90 highway construction
   Recommended - Appropriate $ 6,000.00
   Transfer $18,000.00

9. To raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, or borrow a sum of money for Chapter 90 highway maintenance
   Recommended - Appropriate $3,000.00
   Transfer $ 750.00

10. To appropriate the sum of $1,100.00 from the sale of cemetery lots to be expended for "Care, Improvement and Embellishment" of the cemeteries
    Recommended

11. To appropriate a sum of money from Electric Light operating balance to be used by the Assessors with estimated receipts to reduce the 1973 tax rate

Recommended - Lighting town bldgs. $9,201.87
Street lights $9,030.76
Reduction of taxes $6,767.37

25000.00

12. To transfer dog license fees to the library
Recommended

13. To accept benefits to public libraries
Recommended

14. To authorize the Assessors to hire themselves to perform duties outside of office pertaining to assessing work at a rate of $2.50 per hour
Recommended

15. To authorize the Tree Warden to hire himself to perform labor or render services to the tree department at the rate of $2.00 per hour
Recommended

16. To raise and appropriate a sum of money to resurface roads at Helen R. Donaghue School and the Pumping Station
Recommended - $2,000.00

17. Hear the report of the "Brox" building renovation committee.

18. Authorize Selectmen to appoint a seven member committee to be known as "Brox" Building Renovation Committee.

19. To use revenue sharing funds to start remodeling and renovating the "Brox" building.
Recommended - Revenue Sharing Funds - $48,762.00

20. To raise and appropriate a sum of money to clean water mains from Prospect Hill running westerly on Route #110 to the Merrimac and Haverhill line
Recommended - $4,500.00

21. To appropriate the sum of $1.00 to purchase a right-of-way on land of Ruth L. Ingraham for ingress and egress to the standpipe.
Recommended - $1.00

22. To raise and appropriate a sum of money to install a check valve and butterfly valve at the pumping station.
    Recommended - $800.00

23. To raise and appropriate a sum of money to repair the roof of the stockroom at the pumping station.
    Recommended - $250.00

24. To raise and appropriate a sum of money to expend on flushing water mains
    Recommended - $4,000.00

25. To raise and appropriate a sum of money to replace 1½ inch water main on private property with approximately 650' of transite pipe, hydrant, valves and accessories
    Recommended - $1,506.00

26. To raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase a power mo for the water department
    Recommended - $2,413.00

27. To raise and appropriate a sum of money for electrical work at the pumping station
    Recommended - $1,000.00

28. To appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a storage standpipe and buildings for a pumping station, includingoriginal pumping station equipment, for acquiring land or any interest in land necessary with the foregoing and laying and relaying water mains of not less than six inches in diameter and for new wells
    Recommended - $483,500.00

29. To transfer from the stabilization fund a sum of money to purchase a bulldozer for the town dump
    Recommended - Transfer from Stabilization Fund $24,500.

30. To transfer from revenue sharing funds a sum of money for the purchase of a police cruiser
    Recommended - $4,700.00

31. To accept the provisions of Chapter 344 of the Acts of 1970 entitled, "An act establishing a revolving fund in certain cities and towns for the payment of police officers for off duty work details"
    No Recommendation

32. To raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase land located on the Locust Grove Cemetery service road for cemetery purposes
    Recommended - $1,000.00

33. To amend the zoning bylaw pertaining to Section IX, "Light Industrial District Uses" by adding - Lawful municipal, religious, educational and non-profit recreational purpose
    No Recommendation

34. To amend the zoning bylaw pertaining to Section VII referring to apartment houses in the commercial district to read - "To permit construction of apartment houses in the residential district only"
    No Recommendation

35. To amend the zoning bylaw paragraph two of Section VI and change the lot area requirement from 40,000 square feet to 80,000 square feet and 150 foot frontage to 200 foot frontage
    No Recommendation

36. On petition of George F. Mahoney and others, to see if the Town will accept and endorse the Master Plan as completed by the Planning Board, dated February 1964, and adopt as the Town's official map that map illustrated in this Master Plan on page 89 (Map VIII-1) entitled "Existing Street Classification"
    Not Recommended

37. On petition of George F. Mahoney and others to see if the town will acknowledge the acceptance as public ways of all streets and ways in existance at the time zoning laws became effective in Merrimac, providing these streets and ways were recorded at the Registry of Deeds at Salem, Mass.; at the Town Clerk's office - were in use and available to the public, and were taxed as having road frontage by the Town assessors.
    Not Recommended

38. To raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Selectmen to renovate and restore the auditorium of town hall
    Not Recommended

39. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to devote and limit the use of the town hall auditorium exclusively for museum purposes and other purposes connected with the centennial celebration until January 1, 1977
    No Recommendation

40. To raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the expenses of the Historical Commission
Recommended - $1,500.00

41. To raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Selectmen for the purpose of procuring the writing of a town history.
Recommended - $1,500.00

42. To raise and appropriate a sum of money to be paid to the Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School District, after acceptance of the Town as member of the district, as its share of debt service and operating costs for the year 1973 and a portion of 1974.
Recommended - $204,555.00

43. Authorize Selectmen to appoint a five member committee to investigate feasibility of increasing the number of members on the Board of Selectmen, adopting a town manager form of government, appointing an executive secretary to the Board of Selectmen, or otherwise change the form of government of the town of Merrimac
No Recommendation

44. Authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee of seven members to study the feasibility of establishing a department of public works in the town
No Recommendation

45. Authorize the Selectmen to appoint a five member committee to develope plans and make recommendations concerning the beautification of the town and to engage in projects to beautify the town
No Recommendation

46. To raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Town Beautification Committee for the purpose of establishing and maintaining roadside gardens throughout the town
Recommended - $600.00

47. To raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Town Beautification Committee to develope plans to beautify Merrimac Square and vicinity and authorize the Selectmen and the Committee to apply for and receive State and Federal assistance
Recommended - $1,000.00

48. To vote to discontinue the Essex County Mosquito Control appropriation
No Recommendation

49. To raise and appropriate a sum of money to be added to the Conservation Fund, according to provisions of G.L's. Chapter 40, Section 5, (51)
    Recommended - $2,000.00

50. Authorize the Conservation Commission to purchase the Boston and Maine Railroad spur line in Merrimac
    Not Recommended at this time

51. To amend the zoning bylaw pertaining to gravel removal
    No Recommendation

Annual Report Submitted by,

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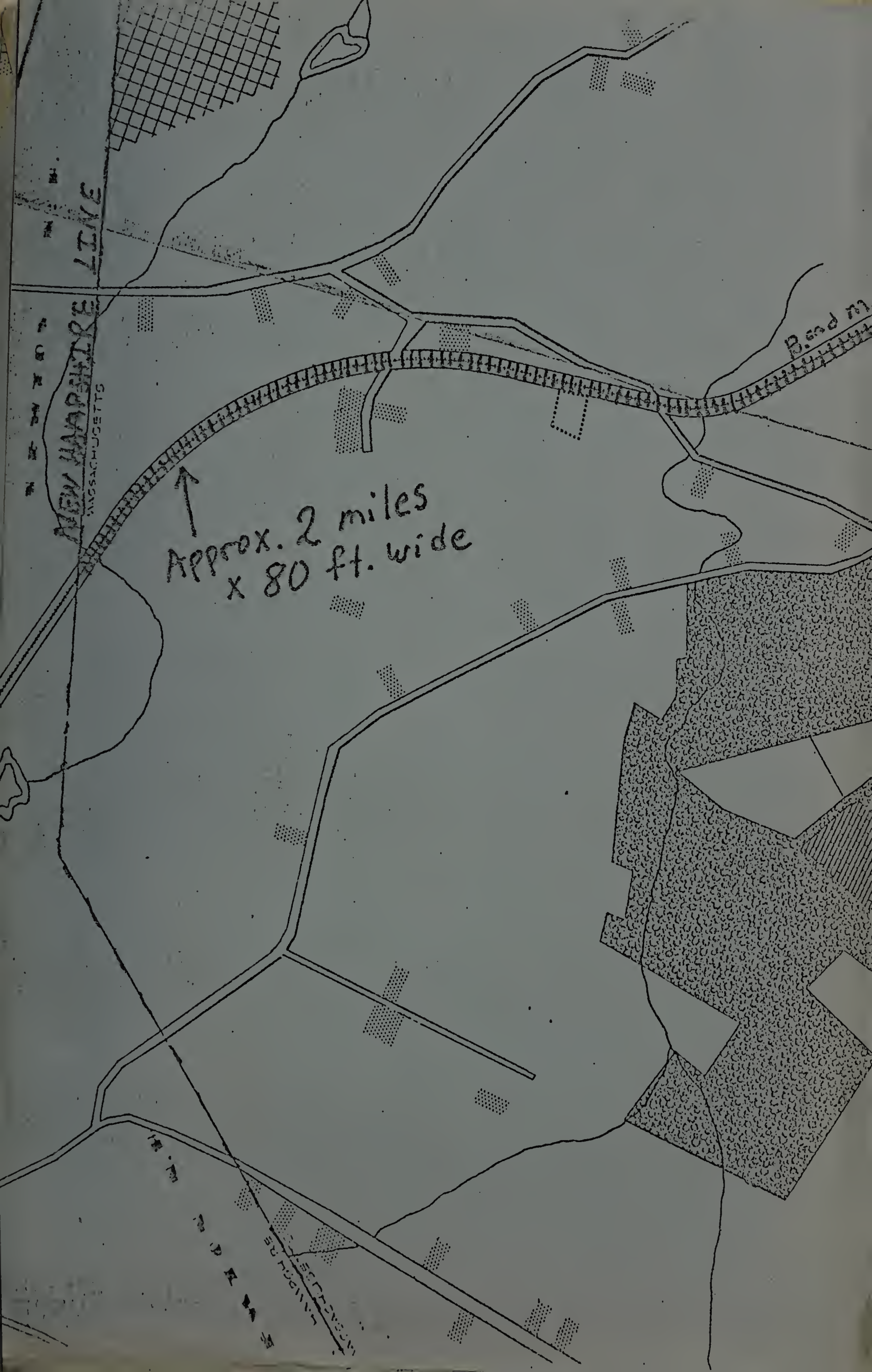
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MASSACHUSETTS
Approx. 2 miles
x 80 ft. wide

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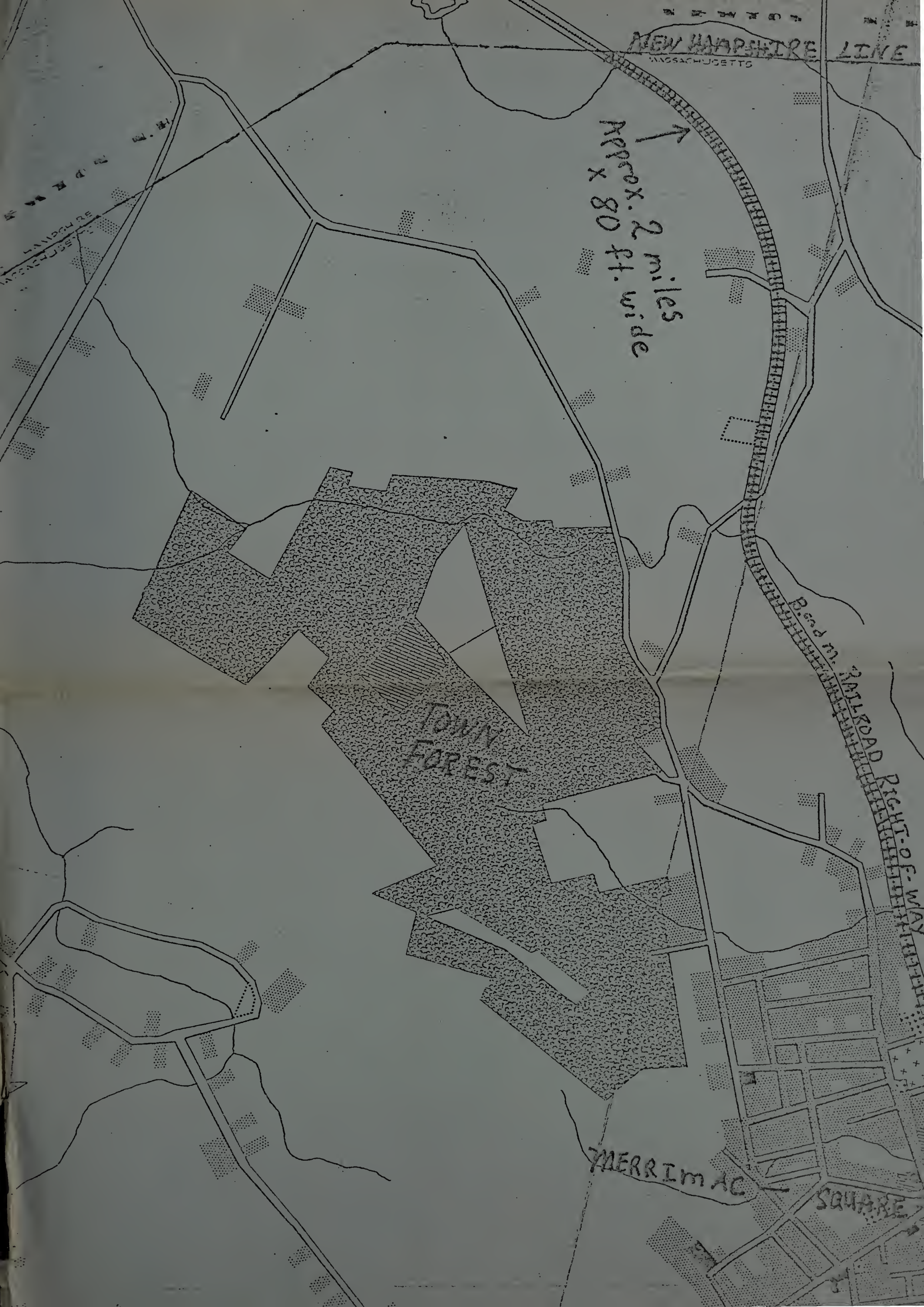

NEW HAMPSHIRE LINE
MASSACHUSETTS
Approx. 2 miles x 80 ft. wide
Road m. RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY
TOWN FOREST
MERRIMAC
SQUARE

PLEASE HELP MERRIMAC BUY A RAILROAD FOR YOUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN

What does Merrimac want with a railroad?

Actually, the potential purchase concerns the railroad right-of-way, the land on which the railroad ran. The Boston and Maine railroad has abandoned the right-of-way. Since they are now in bankruptcy they are anxious to sellthe land as soon as possible.

Where is the land?

The railroad line ran from just North of the square of Merrimac North to Newton, New Hampshire. The exact location is shown on the map on the other side of this sheet.

O.K. Why would Merrimac want this right-of-way?

The Merrimac Conservation Commission strongly believes that the town should purchase this land for conservation and recreation. The right-of-way could form the basis of an excellent trail system. Hopefully, it could connect the Stevens pond area (which is a future conservation project) with the Town Forest and with Newton, New Hampshire. Please refer to the map on the reverse side. This right-of-way is now used for recreation use by hikers, hunters, horseback riders, snowmobilers, skiers, and others.

If it is used now, why should we bother to buy it?

The Boston and Maine is eager to sell the land. They are now in receivership and must convert their assets to cash to pay off their creditors.

Yes, but who else would want to buy it? The land cannot have much value.

On the contrary, the land could have great value if it were converted into a road. This land runs right through the middle of town, it forms a backbone. A road on the right-of-way would open up to development of a huge section of land.

Is this a real possibility?

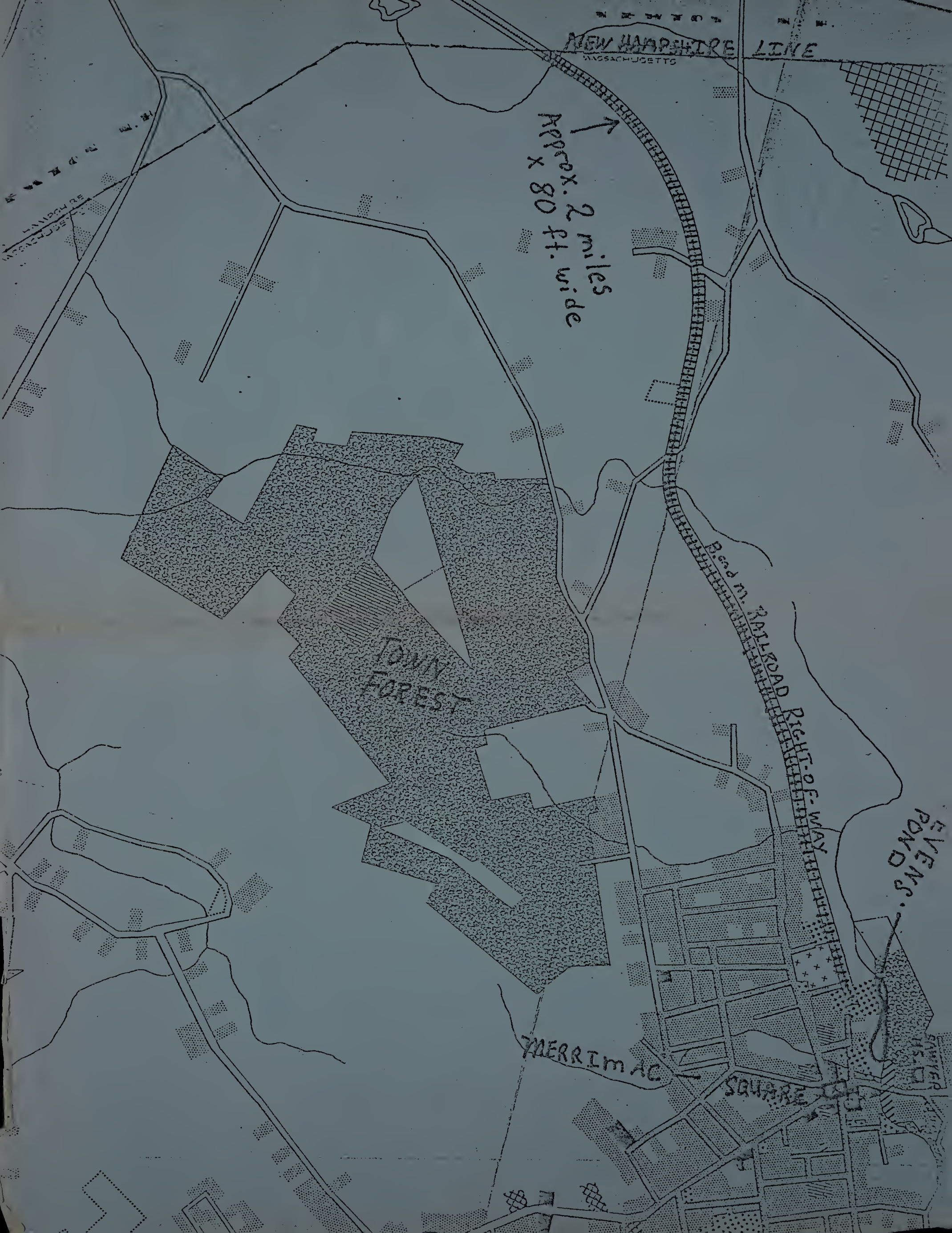
We know that at least two developers have written to the Boston and Maine expressing interest in buying the right-of-way. We can expect opposition from them.

With all the other things we must spend for this year, can't we put this off until next year?

This is the only opportunity we have to buy this land. The Boston and Maine agreed that they would not request bids on this land until after the town meeting this year. If we do not agree to buy it now the right-of-way will be sold to the highest bidder.

MERRIMAC CONSERVATION COMMISSION

(For location map, see other side)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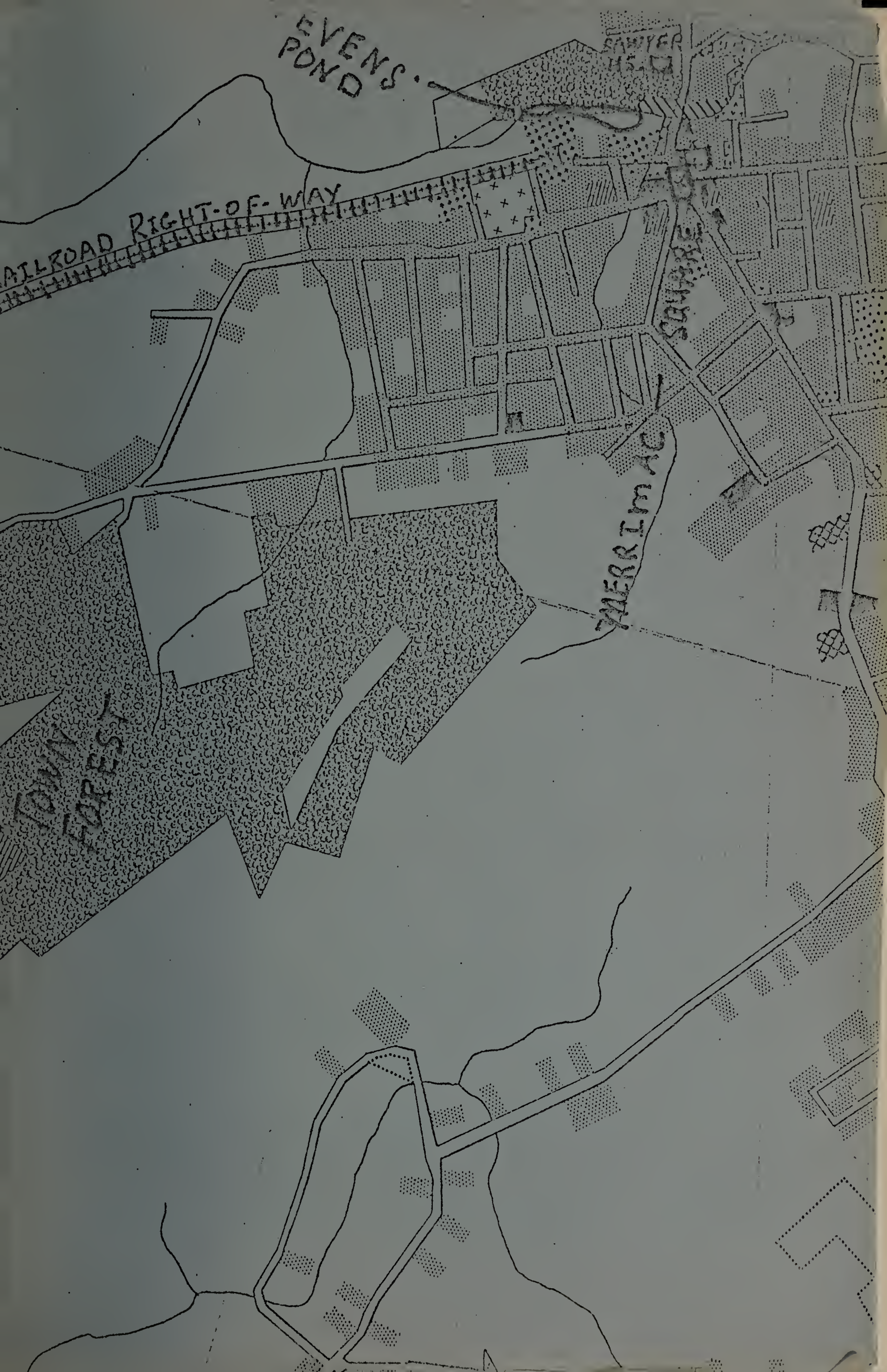
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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: All Department Heads and Committee Chairmen

FROM: Board of Selectmen

DATE: December 10, 1973

SUBJECT: Annual Reports

Please be reminded that Article II Section I of the By-Laws of the Town of Merrimac states the following:

> Every officer in charge of a department shall annually on or before the fifteenth day of January transmit to the Selectmen, a report containing a statement of the acts and financial transactions of said department for the last financial year, to be printed in the annual report.

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# 20	Clean Water Mains Prospect Hill - westerly to Merrimac Hanchard Land	4500.00
21	appropriate 1.00 for right away Ruth Ingraham	1.00
22	Check valve & butterfly p. sta	800.00
23	Raise and appropriate repair roof	250.00
24	Flushing water mains	4000.00
25	replace 1½ water mains	1506.00
26	Purchase power mo	2413.00
27	Electrical work p. sta	1000.00
28	Well field	483500.00
		497,970.00

Report of the

FINANCE COMMITTEE

MERRIMAC, MASSACHUSETTS

1973

A summary of recommendations to be presented at
the Annual Town Meeting in Red Oak School

FEBRUARY 26, 1973

.24%	Recreation
.51%	Cemeteries
.70%	Veteran's Benefits
.94%	Library
1.32%	Pensions
1.56%	Health
2.31%	General Gov't.
2.40%	Public Service
3.15%	Unclassified
3.48%	Maturing Debt. & Int.
4.69%	Highways
5.14%	Protection
73.56%	SCHOOLS

Whittier Vo-Tech	6.71%
Pentucket Reg.	36.58%
Local Schools	30.27%

Recap of Reserve Fund

Appropriation	$7,000.00
Transferred to:	
Printing Town Report	$ 386.20
Water Department	6,000.00
Dog Officer Expense	150.00
Police Department	463.80
	$7,000.00

Item #	Expended 1972		Recommended for 18mos
		GENERAL GOVERNMENT 2.31% of Total	
		Moderator	
1	$ 12.	Salary	$ 18.00
		Finance Committee	
2	378.	Expenses	750.00
		Selectmen	
3	1,697.	Salaries	2,700.00
4	2,100.	Clerical Assistance	3,324.00
5	899.	Expenses	1,500.00
		Accountant	
6	5,918.	Salary	11,724.00
7	326.	Clerical Assistance	650.00
8	100.	Expense	150.00
		Treasurer	
9	1,200.	Salary	1,800.00
10	399.	Clerical Assistance	600.00
11	1,394.	Expense	4,710.00
		Tax Collector	
12	2,500	Salary	3,750.00
13	339	Clerical Assistance	700.00
14	1,289	Expense	3,400.00
		Assessors	
15	1,800	Salary	2,700.00
16	2,800.	Clerical Assistance	5,460.00
17	2,200	Expense	4,410.00
		Legal Suits & Expense	
18	1,500	Salary - Town Counsel	2,650.00
19	1,721	Expense	4,500.00
		Town Clerk	
20	1,000	Salary	1,500.00
21	493	Expense	826.75
		Registrars	
22	300	Salaries	600.00
23	585	Expense	515.25
24	400	Census Taker	800.00

Item #	Expended 1972		Recommended for 18mos.
		Election Officers	
25	$ 646	Wages	$ 552.00
26	64	Expense	46.00
		Planning Board	
27	70	Expenses	800.00
		Appeals Board	
28	35	Clerical Assistance	100.00
29	114	Expense	300.00
30	599	Bonding Town Officers	1,256.00
		Town Hall	
31	840	Janitor Salary	1,260.00
32	3,800	Maintenance	6,550.00
	$ 37,518	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	$70,602.00
		PROTECTION 5.14% of Total	
		Police	
33	10,253	Salaries - Chief	19,650.00
34	2,394	Sergeant	14,175.00
35	23,589	Patrolmen	52,440.00
36	16,535	Specials	7,500.00
37	3,037	Clerk	7,000.00
38		Crossing guards	3,510.00
39	10,028	Expense	19,275.00
	$ 65,836		$123,550.00
		Fire	
40	1,300	Salaries - Engineers	1,800.00
41	7,600	Wages - Firemen	8,700.00
42	4,543	Expense	7,775.00
43	200	Forest Fire Wardens	300.00
	$ 13,643	TOTAL FIRE	$ 18,575.00
		Gas Inspector	
44	350	Salary	475.00
45	125	Expense	168.00
		Wiring Inspector	
46	350	Salary	525.00
47	50	Expense	75.00
		Building Inspector	
48	300	Salary	450.00

Item #	Expended 1972		Recommended for 18mos.
		Oil Burner Inspecor	
49	$ 150	Salary	$ 225.00
50	50	Expense	75.00
51	12	Housing Authority Expense	- - -
52		Town Forest	75.00
		Tree Warden	
53	300	Salary	450.00
54	2,500	Expense	3,750.00
		Moth	
55	530	Salary	- - -
56	570	Expense	1,650.00
57	1,569	Dutch Elm Expense	3,000.00
58	223	New Trees	750.00
59	1,000	Stump Removal	1,500.00
		Dog Officer	
60	300	Salary	450.00
61	610	Expense	975.00
		Civil Defense	
62	300	Salary	(not recommended)
63	455	Expense	(not recommended)
	$ 89,223	TOTAL PROTECTION	$ 156,718.00
		HEALTH & SANITATION 1.56% of Total	
64	854	Board of Health Expense	2,400.00
		Health Nurse	
65	1,800	Salary	3,000.00
66	31	Expense	300.00
67	300	Plumbing Inspector Salary	450.00
68	300	Sewerage Inspector Salary	450.00
69	0	Vital Statistics	360.00
		Animal Inspector	
70	100	Salary	150.00
71	10	Expense	15.00

Item #	Expended 1972			Recommended for 18 mos.
		Milk Inspector		
72	$ 25	Salary		$ 40.00
73	10	Expense		15.00
		Dump Maintenance		
74	5,128	Salary		8,306.27
75	4,663	Expense		32,250.00
	$ 13,221	TOTAL HEALTH & SANITATION		$ 47,736.27
		HIGHWAYS 4.69% of Total		
76	9,242	Salary - Superintendent		
77	21,331	Wages		
78	53,212	Expense		
79	8,393	Thickly Settled - Art.#6	appro.	13,500.00
80	5,000	Road Machinery - Art. #5	appro.	4,950.00
			transf.	3,142.95
81	14,448	Chapter 81 - Art.#7	appro.	9,750.00
			transf.	13,612.50
82	1,131	Chapter 90 Const.Art.#8	appro.	6,000.00
			transf.	18,000.00
83	1,500	Chapter 90 Maint.Art.#9	appro.	3,000.00
			transf.	750.00
84	27,800	Snow & Washouts		50,000.00
85	1,218	Sidewalks Rails & Bridges		3,000.00
86	2,500	Repairs on Private Ways		3,750.00
87	7,203	Street Lights		13,547.00
88	14,592	Backhoe		- - -
	$ 83,785	TOTAL HIGHWAYS		$ 143,002.45
		VETERAN'S BENEFITS .70% of Total		
89	900	Service Officer - Salary		1,424.00
90	250	Expense		475.00
91	106	Care of Graves		188.00
92	720	Soldiers Benefits - Clerk		1,139.00
93	10,180	Expense		18,000.00
	$ 12,156	TOTAL VETERAN'S BENEFITS		$ 21,226.00
		SCHOOLS 73.56% of Total		
94	$ 422,374	Salaries & Wages		$ 767,342.00
95	46,820	Expense		80,408.00
96	6,029	Special Tuition & Transp.		11,070.00
97	27,480	Regular Transportation		48,088.00
	$ 502,703	Total Elementary Schools		
98	3,750	Lunch Program		6,890.00
99	17,483	Vocational Schools		9,100.00

ITEM #	Expended 1972		Recommended for 18 mos.
			1,037,345.79
100	$ 602,139	Pentucket Regional Assesmt.	$ 1,115,011.79
	$1,126,075	TOTAL SCHOOLS	2,037,910.79
			1,967,614.79
		WHITTIER SCHOOL 6.71% of Total	
101		Whittier Vo-Tech Share	204,555.00
		LIBRARY .94% of Total	
102	7,296	Salary - Librarian	11,631.00
103	6,346	Wages	10,808.00
104	8,371	Expense	6,080.00
	22,013	TOTAL LIBRARY	28,519.00
		RECREATION .24% of Total	
105	835	Playground - Wages	2,550.00
106	1,238	Expense	2,525.00
107	1,200	Supervised Play - Wages	1,380.00
108	21	Indian Head Park - Expenses	225.00
109	300	Christmas Parade	450.00
	3,594	TOTAL RECREATION	7,130.00
		PENSIONS 1.32% of Total	
110	27,814	Essex County Retirement System	39,256.00
111	1,568	Pension Bill	878.70
	29,382	TOTAL PENSIONS	40,135.70
		UNCLASSIFIED 3.15% of Total	
112	16,610	Insurance	28,889.02
113	9,388	Group Insurance	14,400.00
114	64	Ambulance Service	300.00
115	0	Tax Title Property Expense	75.00
116	358	Memorial Day	900.00
117	500	Rental American Legion Quarters	1,000.00
118	1,387	Printing Town Reports	3,000.00
119	425	Merrimack Valley Reg.Planning Dist.	1,273.50
120	6,426	Light in Town Buildings	13,803.00
121	506	Water in Town Buildings	891.00
122	5,000	Stabilization Fund	5,000.00
123	7,000	Reserve Fund	25,000.00
124	300	Light Commissioners Salary	450.00
125	300	Water Commissioners Salary	450.00
126	40	Conservation Commission	375.00
	48,264	TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED	95,806.52

Item #	Expended 1972		Recommended for 18 mos.
		WATER DEPT. 2.40% of Total	
127	$ 2,157	Salary - Manager	$ 5,875.00
128	3,600	Clerk	3,450.00
129	10,857	Wages	19,305.00
130	29,188	Expense	44,570.00
131	3,586	Repair Standpipe roof	
132	4,980	Driving & Testing wells	
133	1,900	Replacing Pipes	
	$56,268	TOTAL WATER	$ 73,200.00
		CEMETERIES .51% of Total	
134	6,410	Wages	14,000.00
135	1,590	Expense	1,500.00
136		Trustees Salary	225.00
	$ 8,000	TOTAL CEMETERIES	$ 15,725.00
		MATURING DEBT & INTEREST 3.48% of Total	
		DEBT:	
137	5,000	Elementary School Addition	10,000.00
138	45,000	Red Oak School	45,000.00
139	4,000	Water Meters	4,000.00
140	4,000	Fire Truck	4,000.00
		INTEREST	
141	25,019	Maturing Debts	32,833.10
142	5,235	Tax Anticipation Notes	10,500.00
	$88,254	TOTAL MATURING DEBT & INT.	$ 106,334.00

TOTAL BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS	3,013,093.79
TOTAL RECOMMENDED TRANSFERS	35,505.45
TOTAL SPECIAL ARTICLES	519,569.00

724,124.00

INTEREST ON ABOVE

Inside Debt Limit:

Fire truck	$ 165.60
School Addition	647.50
Water Meters	520.00
"Brox" building	813.00

Outside Debt Limit:

Red Oak School	31,500.00
Pentucket Regional School	14,982.57
	$ 48,628.57

SURPLUS REVENUE $ 128,444.85

Personal 1972	$ 2,514.64	
Personal 1971	818.12	
Real 1972	41,018.94	
Real 1971	17,273.03	61,624.73
	FREE CASH $	66,820.12

BORROWING CAPACITY OF TOWN JANUARY 1, 1973

Real and Personal:

Valuation 1970 less abatements	$13,490,701.00
Valuation 1971 less abatements	13,699,965.00
Valuation 1972 less abatements	13,878,730.00

Motor Vehicle Excises:

Valuation 1970 less abatements	$ 1,894,379.00
Valuation 1971 less abatements	2,303,529.00
Valuation 1972 less abatements	1,213,021.00
Net valuation 3 yrs. less abatements	46,480,325.00
Average valuation 3 yrs. less abatements	15,493,441.00
5% thereof (Debt Limit)	774,672.00

EXISTING TOWN DEBT - INSIDE DEBT LIMIT

Fire truck (1968 - $20,000)	Balance	$ 4,000.00
School addition (1960 - $75,000)	Balance	15,000.00
Water meters (1966 - $40,000)	Balance	12,000.00
"Brox" building purchase		65,000.00
	Balance Inside Debt Limit	96,000.00
	Borrowing Capacity 1/1/73	678,672.00

EXISTING TOWN DEBT

Outside Debt Limit, Principal:

Red Oak School (1964 - $785,000)	Balance	$ 515,000.00
Pentucket Reg. School (1955)	Balance	631,107.15

Inside Debt Limit:

Fire truck (noted above)	Balance	$ 4,000.00
School addition (noted above)	Balance	15,000.00
Water meters (noted above)	Balance	12,000.00
"Brox" building purchase	Balance	65,000.00
		$ 1,242,107.15

RECOMMENDATIONS ON ARTICLES

1. Omnibus article on budget
   Recommended

2. Authorization for Town Treasurer, with approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money
   Recommended

3. Authorization for the Selectmen to sell any property taken by the Town until the 1974 town meeting
   Recommended

4. Authorize the Assessors to use a sum of money from "Free Cash" in the treasury toward the reduction of 1973 tax rate
   Recommended

5. To raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the maintenance of road machinery
   Recommended - Appropriate $4,950.00
   Transfer $3,142.95

6. To raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended on highway work on thickly settled streets
   Recommended - Appropriate $13,500.00

7. To raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 highway construction and maintenance
   Recommended - Appropriate $ 9,750.00
   Transfer $13,612.50

8. To raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, or borrow a sum of money for Chapter 90 highway construction
   Recommended - Appropriate $ 6,000.00
   Transfer $18,000.00

9. To raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, or borrow a sum of money for Chapter 90 highway maintenance
   Recommended - Appropriate $3,000.00
   Transfer $ 750.00

10. To appropriate the sum of $1,100.00 from the sale of cemetery lots to be expended for "Care, Improvement and Embellishment" of the cemeteries
    Recommended

11. To appropriate a sum of money from Electric Light operating balance to be used by the Assessors with estimated receipts to reduce the 1973 tax rate

Recommended - Lighting town bldgs. $9,201.87
Street lights $9,030.76
Reduction of taxes $6,767.37

12. To transfer dog license fees to the library
Recommended

13. To accept benefits to public libraries
Recommended

14. To authorize the Assessors to hire themselves to perform duties outside of office pertaining to assessing work at a rate of $2.50 per hour
Recommended

15. To authorize the Tree Warden to hire himself to perform labor or render services to the tree department at the rate of $2.00 per hour
Recommended

16. To raise and appropriate a sum of money to resurface roads at Helen R. Donaghue School and the Pumping Station
Recommended - $2,000.00

17. Hear the report of the "Brox" building renovation committee.

18. Authorize Selectmen to appoint a seven member committee to be known as "Brox" Building Renovation Committee.

19. To use revenue sharing funds to start remodeling and renovating the "Brox" building.
Recommended - Revenue Sharing Funds - $48,762.00

20. To raise and appropriate a sum of money to clean water mains from Prospect Hill running westerly on Route #110 to the Merrimac and Haverhill line
Recommended - $4,500.00

21. To appropriate the sum of $1.00 to purchase a right-of-way on land of Ruth L. Ingraham for ingress and egress to the standpipe.
Recommended - $1.00

22. To raise and appropriate a sum of money to install a check valve and butterfly valve at the pumping station.
    Recommended - $800.00

23. To raise and appropriate a sum of money to repair the roof of the stockroom at the pumping station.
    Recommended - $250.00

24. To raise and appropriate a sum of money to expend on flushing water mains
    Recommended - $4,000.00

25. To raise and appropriate a sum of money to replace 1½ inch water main on private property with approximately 650' of transite pipe, hydrant, valves and accessories
    Recommended - $1,506.00

26. To raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase a power mo for the water department
    Recommended - $2,413.00

27. To raise and appropriate a sum of money for electrical work at the pumping station
    Recommended - $1,000.00

28. To appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a storage standpipe and buildings for a pumping station, includingoriginal pumping station equipment, for acquiring land or any interest in land necessary with the foregoing and laying and relaying water mains of not less than six inches in diameter and for new wells
    Recommended - $483,500.00

29. To transfer from the stabilization fund a sum of money to purchase a bulldozer for the town dump
    Recommended - Transfer from Stabilization Fund $24,500.

30. To transfer from revenue sharing funds a sum of money for the purchase of a police cruiser
    Recommended - $4,700.00

31. To accept the provisions of Chapter 344 of the Acts of 1970 entitled, "An act establishing a revolving fund in certain cities and towns for the payment of police officers for off duty work details"
    No Recommendation

32. To raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase land located on the Locust Grove Cemetery service road for cemetery purposes
    Recommended - $1,000.00

33. To amend the zoning bylaw pertaining to Section IX, "Light Industrial District Uses" by adding - Lawful municipal, religious, educational and non-profit recreational purpose
    No Recommendation

34. To amend the zoning bylaw pertaining to Section VII referring to apartment houses in the commercial district to read - "To permit construction of apartment houses in the residential district only"
    No Recommendation

35. To amend the zoning bylaw paragraph two of Section VI and change the lot area requirement from 40,000 square feet to 80,000 square feet and 150 foot frontage to 200 foot frontage
    No Recommendation

36. On petition of George F. Mahoney and others, to see if the Town will accept and endorse the Master Plan as completed by the Planning Board, dated February 1964, and adopt as the Town's official map that map illustrated in this Master Plan on page 89 (Map VIII-1) entitled "Existing Street Classification"
    Not Recommended

37. On petition of George F. Mahoney and others to see if the town will acknowledge the acceptance as public ways of all streets and ways in existance at the time zoning laws became effective in Merrimac, providing these streets and ways were recorded at the Registry of Deeds at Salem, Mass.; at the Town Clerk's office - were in use and available to the public, and were taxed as having road frontage by the Town assessors.
    Not Recommended

38. To raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Selectmen to renovate and restore the auditorium of town hall
    Not Recommended

39. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to devote and limit the use of the town hall auditorium exclusively for museum purposes and other purposes connected with the centennial celebration until January 1, 1977
    No Recommendation

40. To raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the expenses of the Historical Commission
Recommended - $1,500.00

41. To raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Selectmen for the purpose of procuring the writing of a town history.
Recommended - $1,500.00

42. To raise and appropriate a sum of money to be paid to the Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School District, after acceptance of the Town as member of the district, as its share of debt service and operating costs for the year 1973 and a portion of 1974.
Recommended - $204,555.00

43. Authorize Selectmen to appoint a five member committee to investigate feasibility of increasing the number of members on the Board of Selectmen, adopting a town manager form of government, appointing an executive secretary to the Board of Selectmen, or otherwise change the form of government of the town of Merrimac
No Recommendation

44. Authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee of seven members to study the feasibility of establishing a department of public works in the town
No Recommendation

45. Authorize the Selectmen to appoint a five member committee to develope plans and make recommendations concerning the beautification of the town and to engage in projects to beautify the town
No Recommendation

46. To raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Town Beautification Committee for the purpose of establishing and maintaining roadside gardens throughout the town
Recommended - $600.00

47. To raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Town Beautification Committee to develope plans to beautify Merrimac Square and vicinity and authorize the Selectmen and the Committee to apply for and receive State and Federal assistance
Recommended - $1,000.00

48. To vote to discontinue the Essex County Mosquito Control appropriation
No Recommendation

49. To raise and appropriate a sum of money to be added to the Conservation Fund, according to provisions of G.L's. Chapter 40, Section 5, (51)
    Recommended - $2,000.00

50. Authorize the Conservation Commission to purchase the Boston and Maine Railroad spur line in Merrimac
    Not Recommended at this time

51. To amend the zoning bylaw pertaining to gravel removal
    No Recommendation

Annual Report Submitted by,

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